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February 28, 2019

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Larry Schwartztol  
The Protect Democracy Project  
2020 Pennsylvania Ave NW, #163  
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Mr. Schwartztol:

As agreed to in *The Protect Democracy Project v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security, et al.*, Case No. 17-cv-2202, this is the second interim response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), on behalf of The Protect Democracy Project, in which you are seeking records pertaining to unaffiliated border enforcement groups in the Laredo Sector including: Arizona Border Recon, Arizona Militia, Citizen Defenders, The Minutemen Project, Rusty's Rangers, Texas Militia or Three Percent United Patriots.

A search of CBP databases produced 117 pages of records responsive to your request. CBP has determined that 117 pages are partially releasable, pursuant to Title 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), and (b)(7)(E).

Uploaded to your FOIAonline account are 117 pages with certain information withheld as described below:

**FOIA Exemption (b)(6)** exempts from disclosure personnel or medical files and similar files the release of which would cause a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. This requires a balancing of the public's right to disclosure against the individual's right privacy. The types of documents and/or information that we have withheld may consist of names, email addresses and phone numbers belonging to a third party that are considered personal. The privacy interests of the individuals in the records you have requested outweigh any minimal public interest in disclosure of the information. Any private interest you may have in that information does not factor into the aforementioned balancing test.

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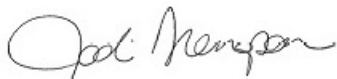
invasion of personal privacy. This exemption takes particular note of the strong interests of individuals, whether they are suspects, witnesses, or investigators, in not being unwarrantably associated with alleged criminal activity. That interest extends to persons who are not only the subjects of the investigation, but those who may have their privacy invaded by having their identities and information about them revealed in connection with an investigation. Based upon the traditional recognition of strong privacy interest in law enforcement records, categorical withholding of information that identifies third parties in law enforcement records is ordinarily appropriate.

**FOIA Exemption (b)(7)(E)** protects records compiled for law enforcement purposes, the release of which would disclose techniques and/or procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law. CBP has determined that disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law.

This completes CBP's second interim response to your request. If you have questions or concerns regarding this interim response, you may contact Assistant United States Attorney Scott L. Sroka at (202) 252-7113 or email [Scott.Sroka@usdoj.gov](mailto:Scott.Sroka@usdoj.gov).

Please notate file number CBP-2017-086567 on any future correspondence to CBP related to this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jodi Drengson".

Jodi Drengson  
FOIA Analyst, FOIA Division  
Office of Diversity and Civil Rights

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**Subject:** (b) (7)(E) Daily (b) (7)(E) Snapshot  
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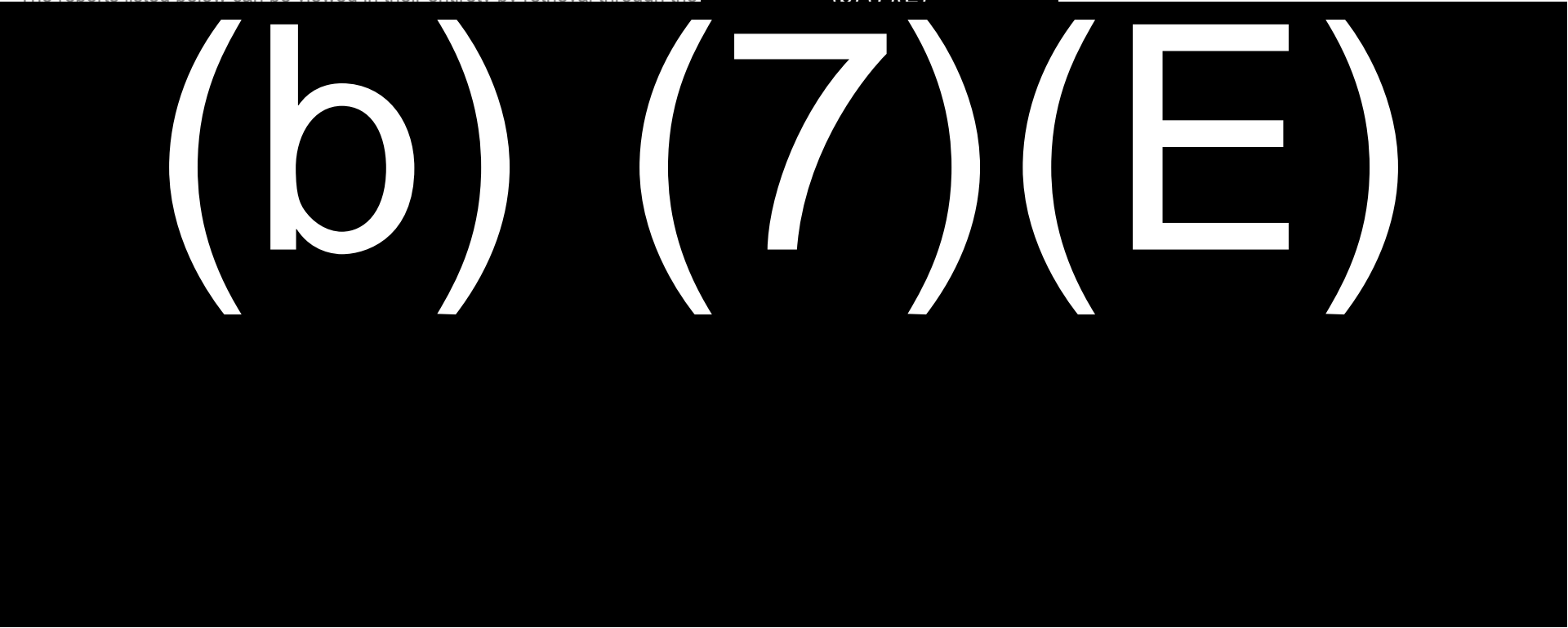
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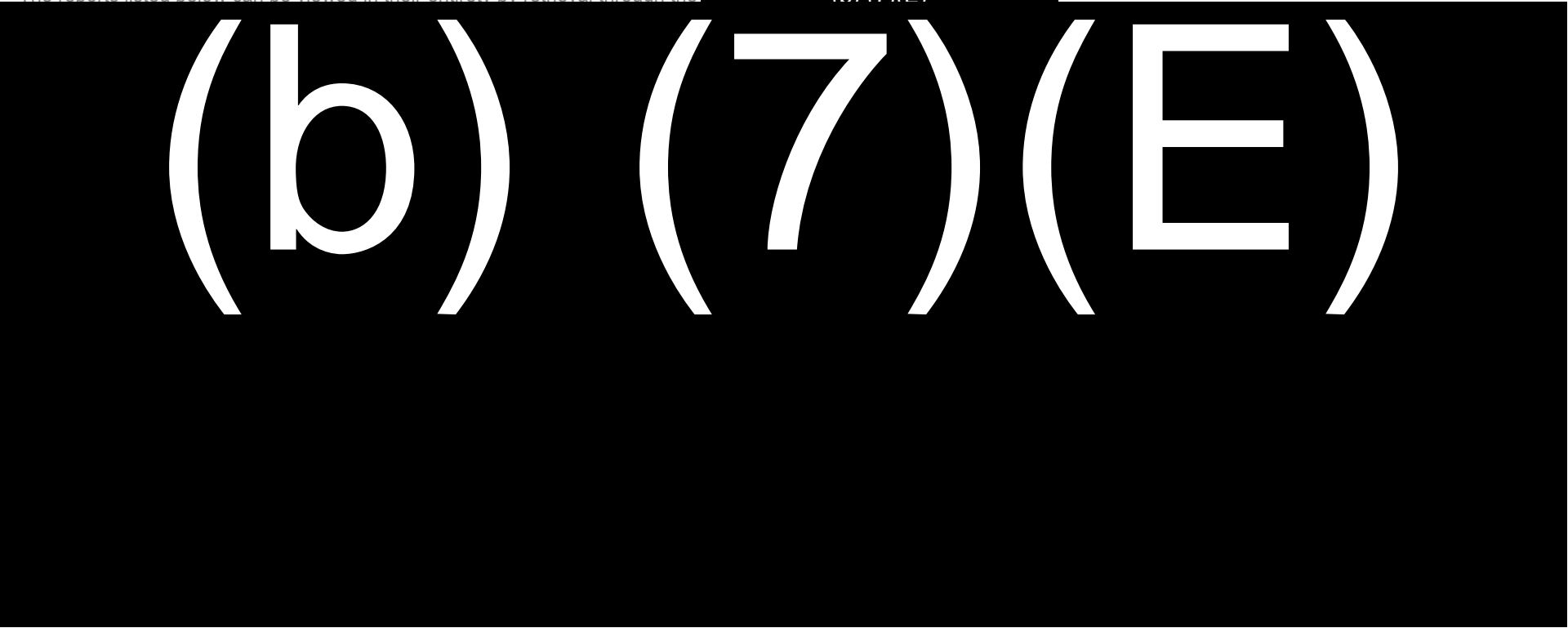
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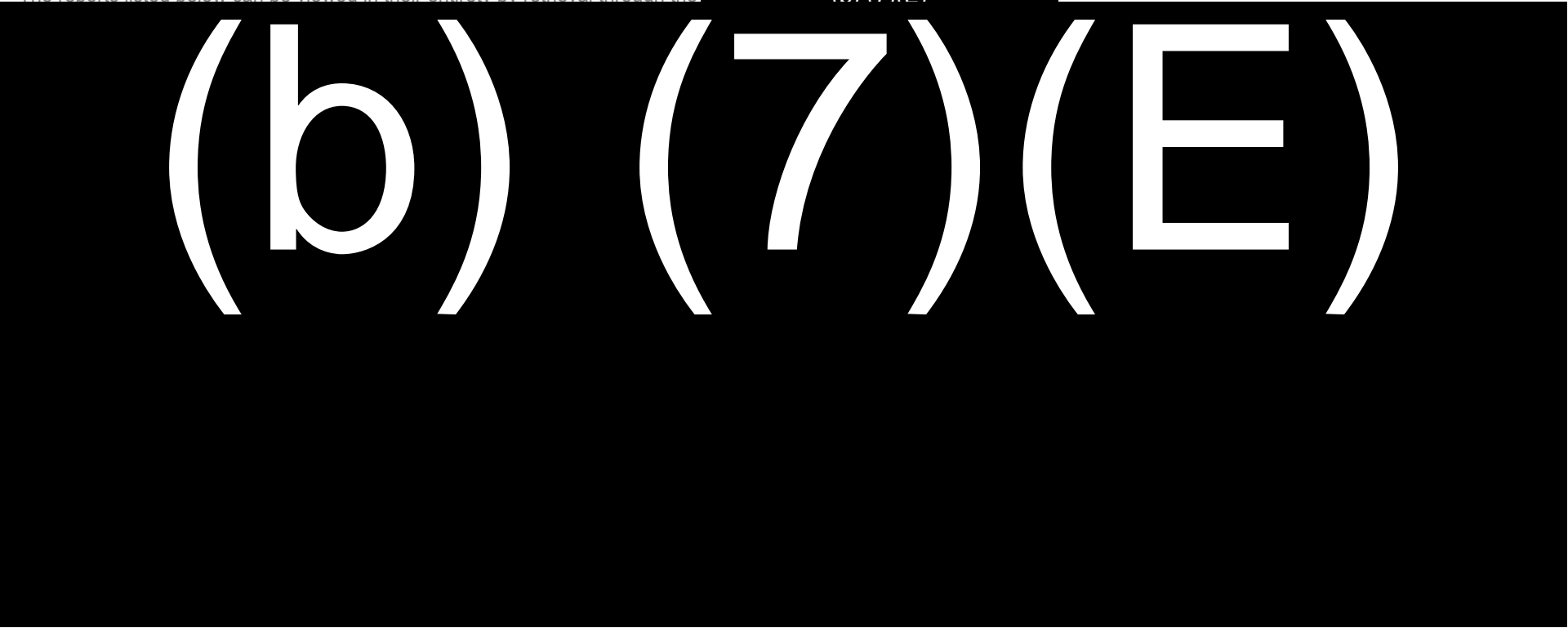
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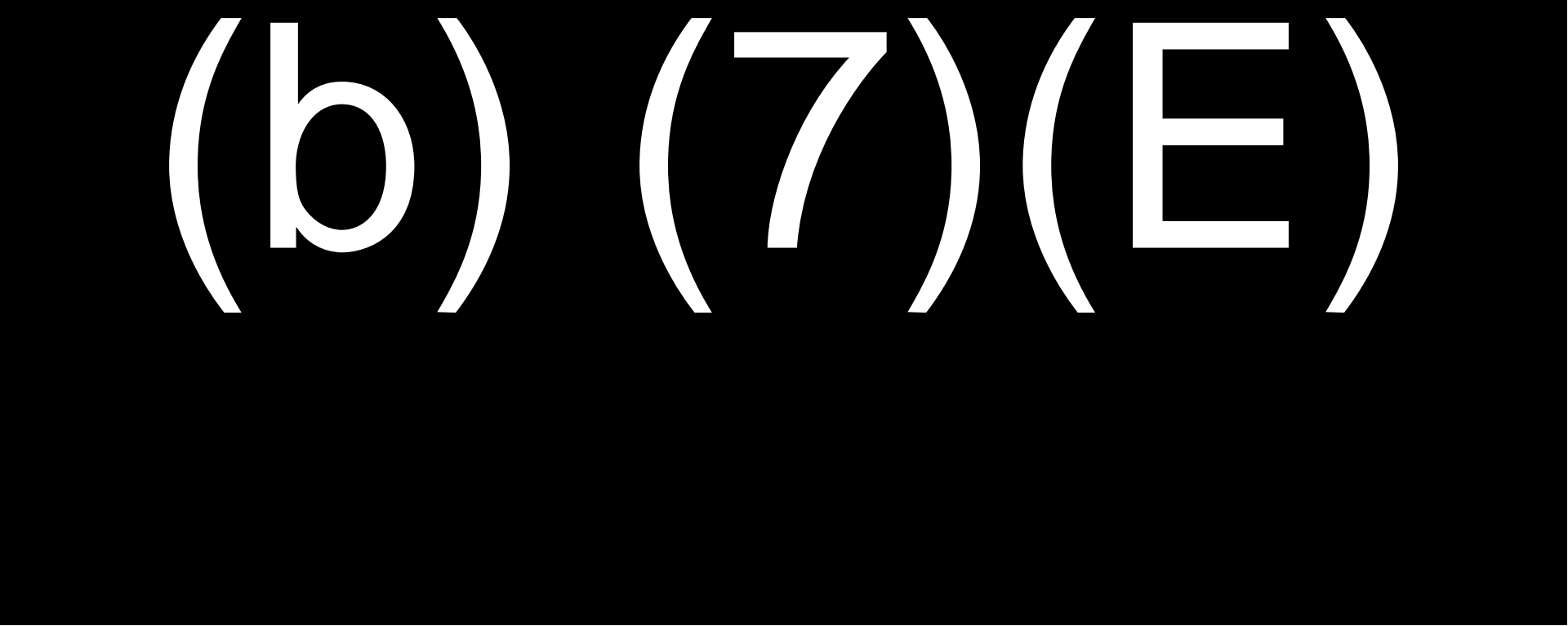
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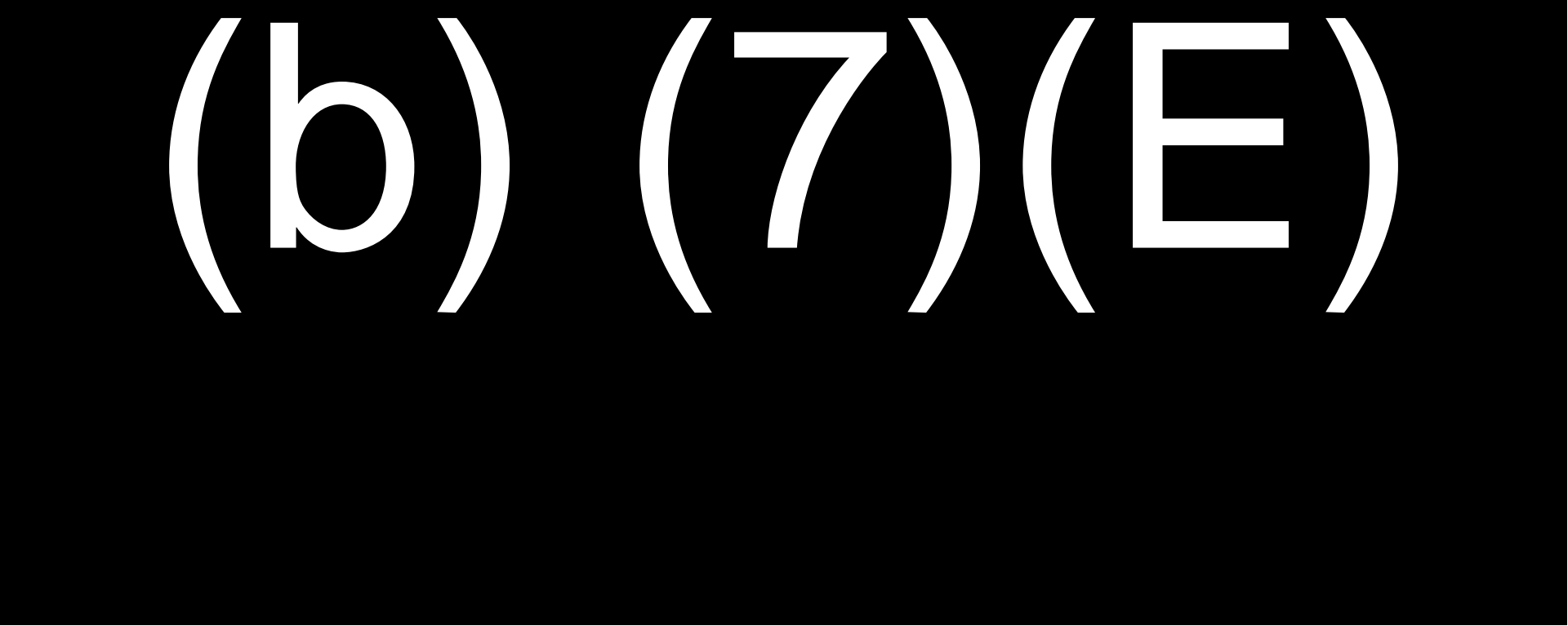
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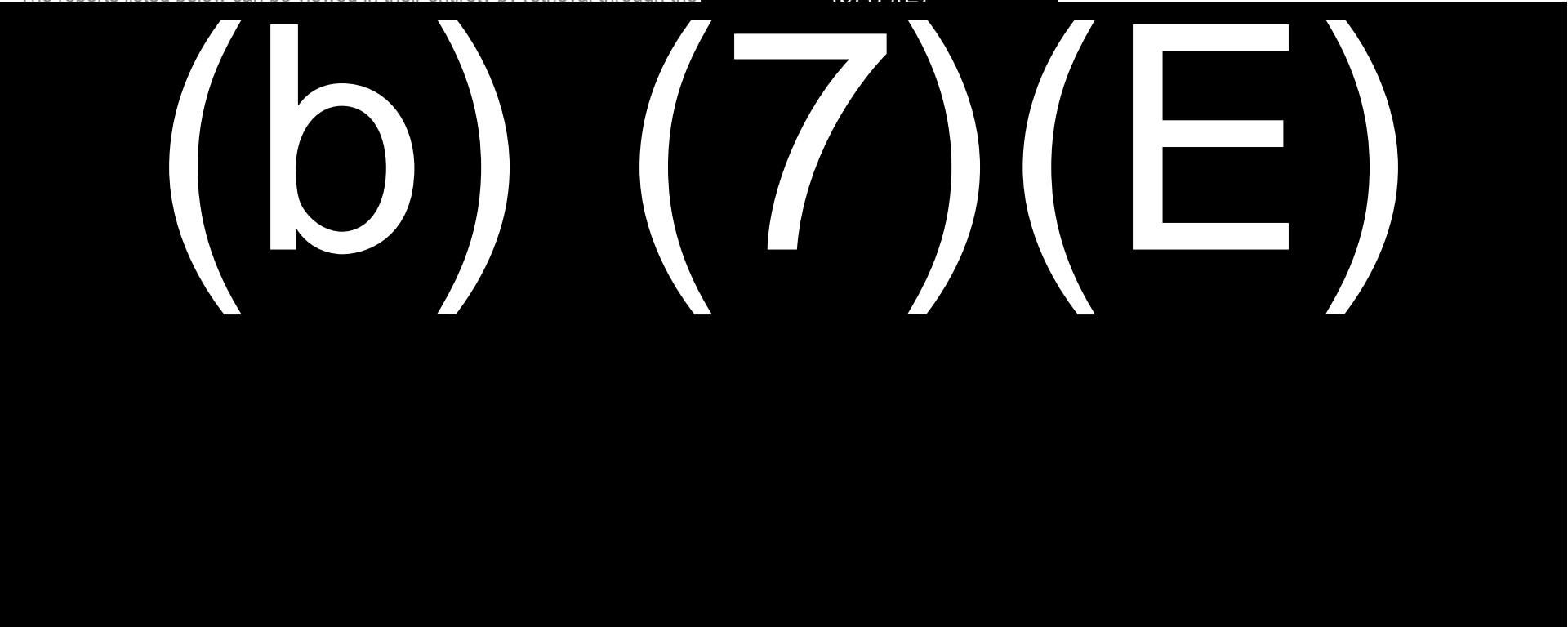
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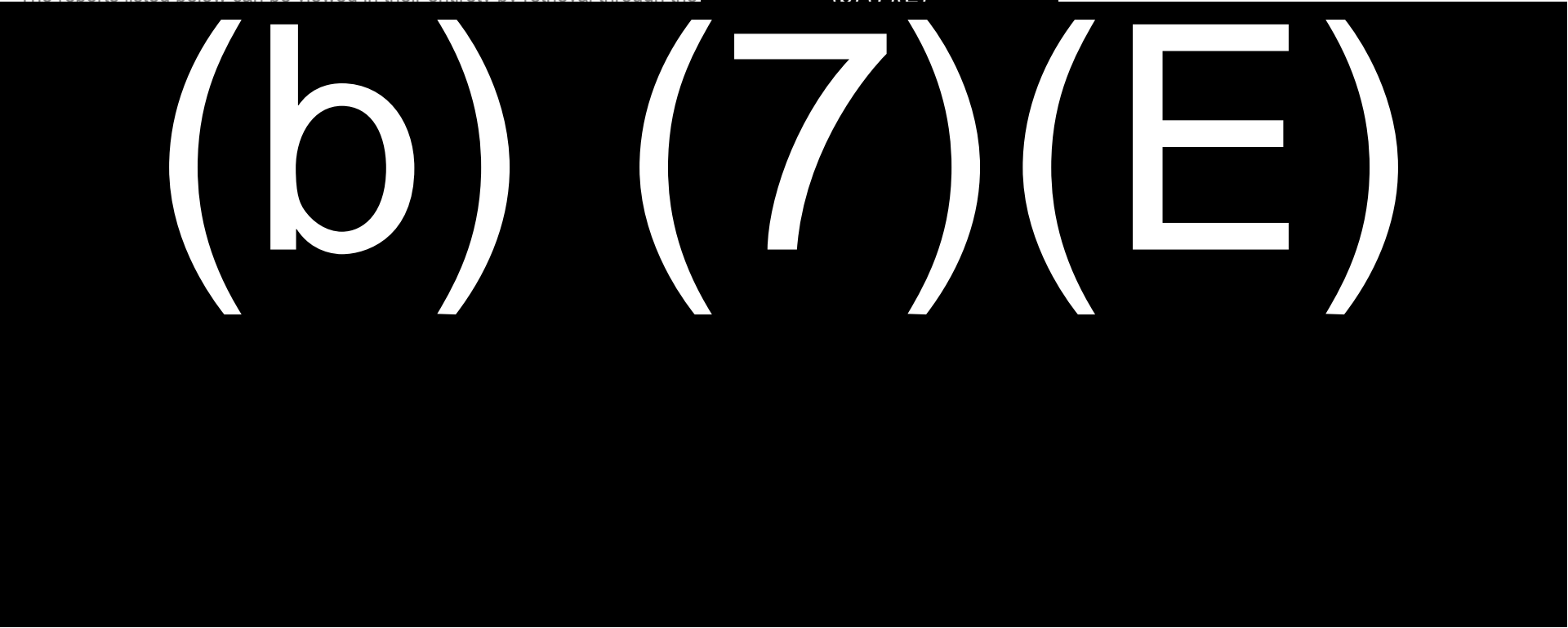
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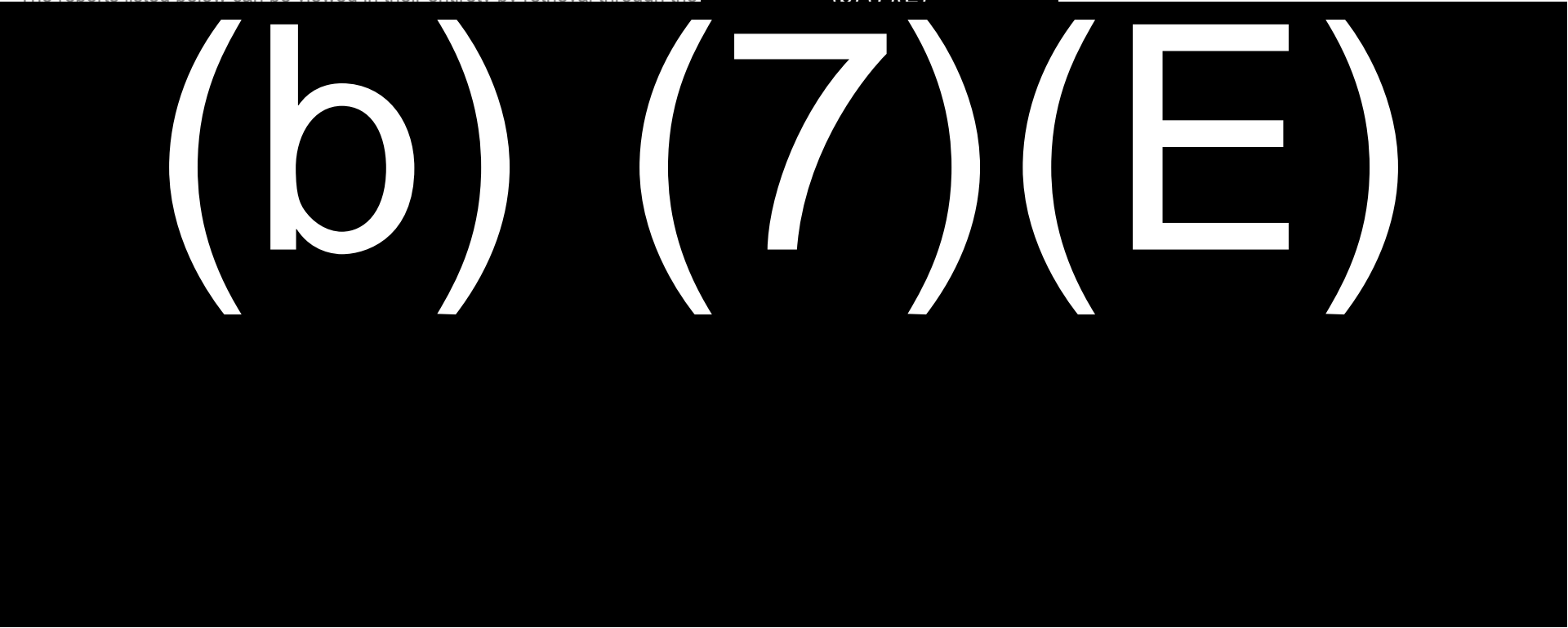
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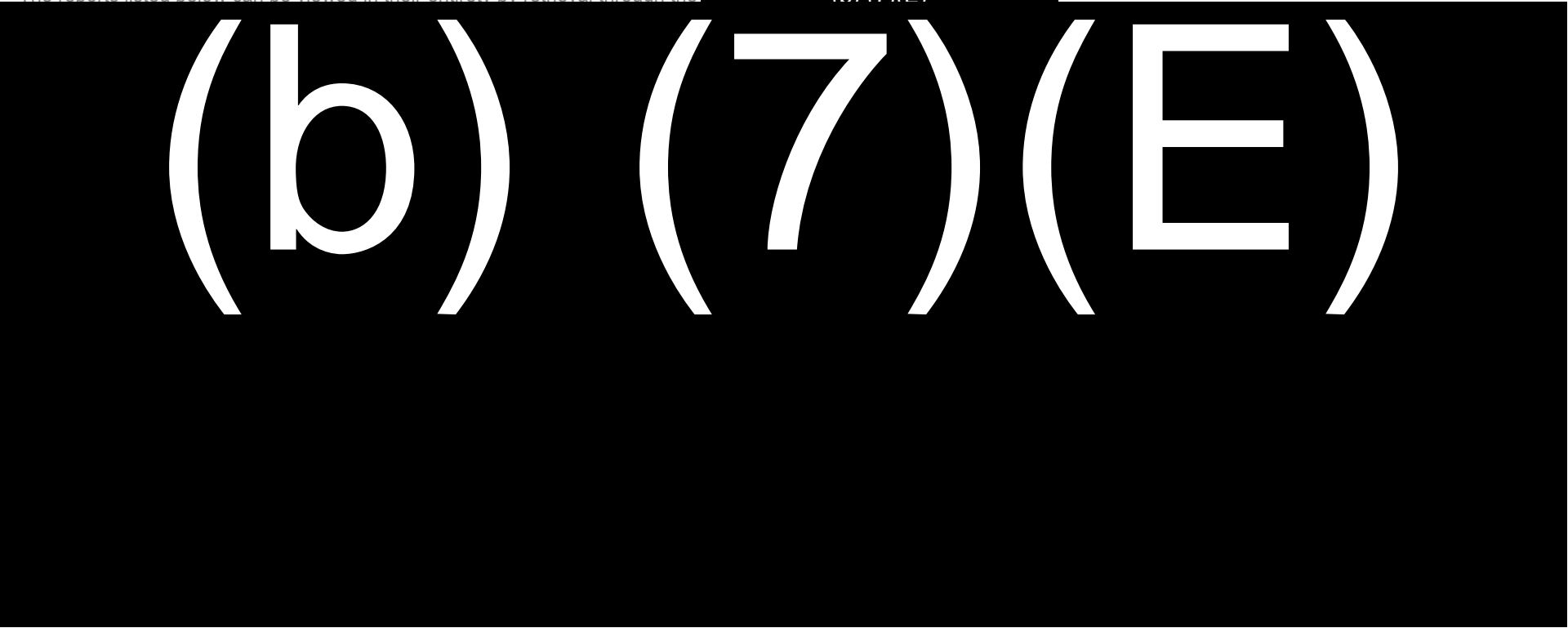
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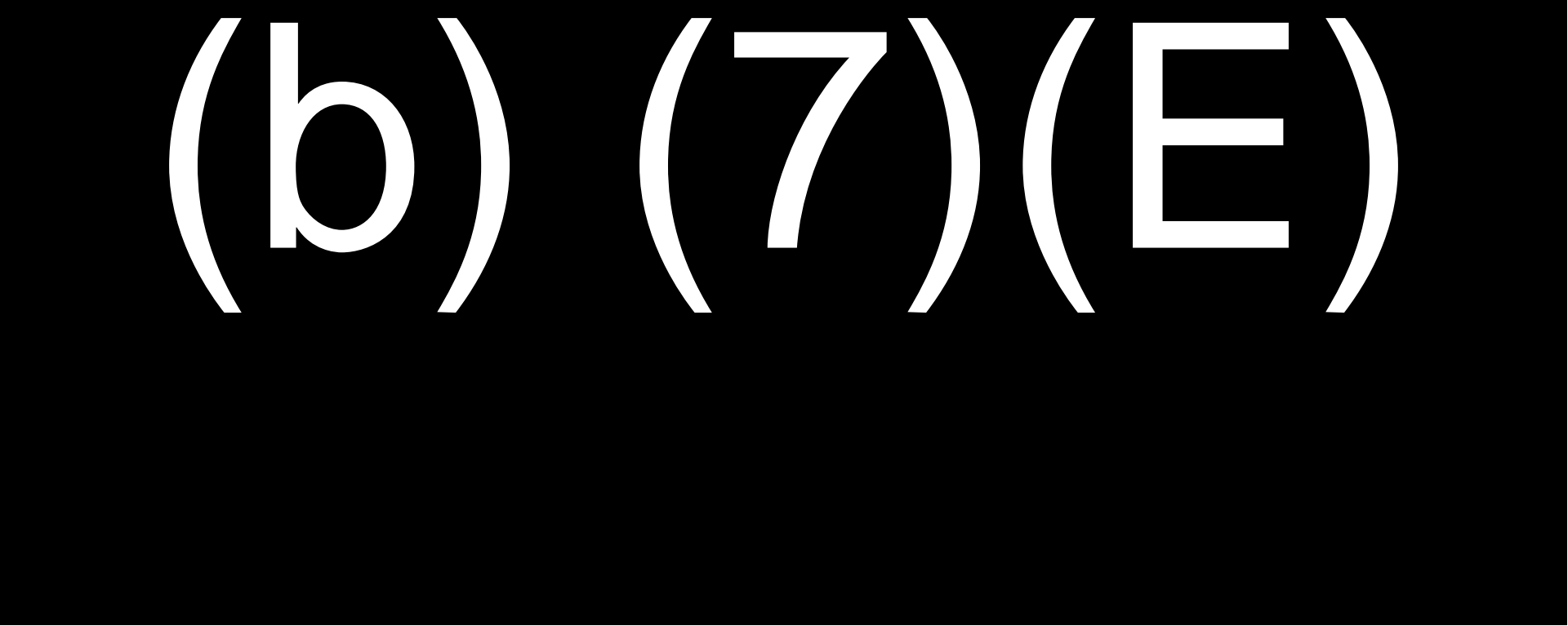
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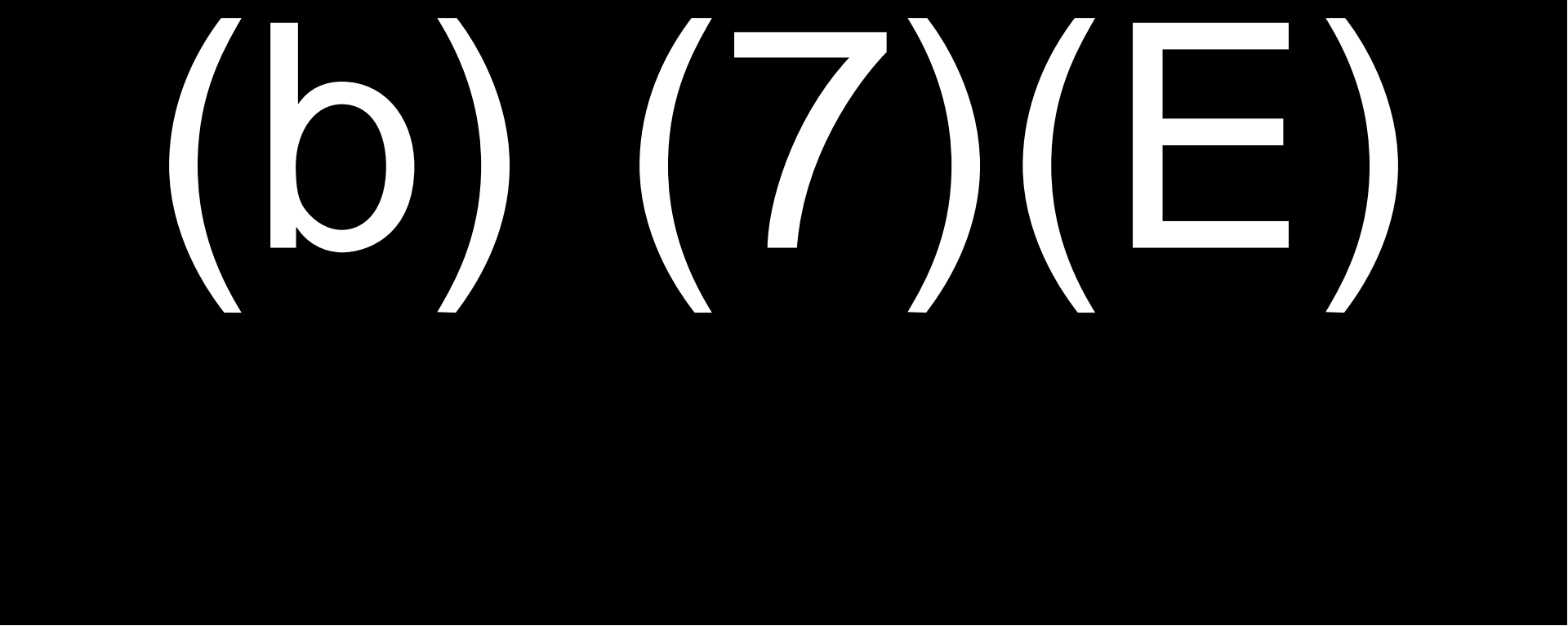
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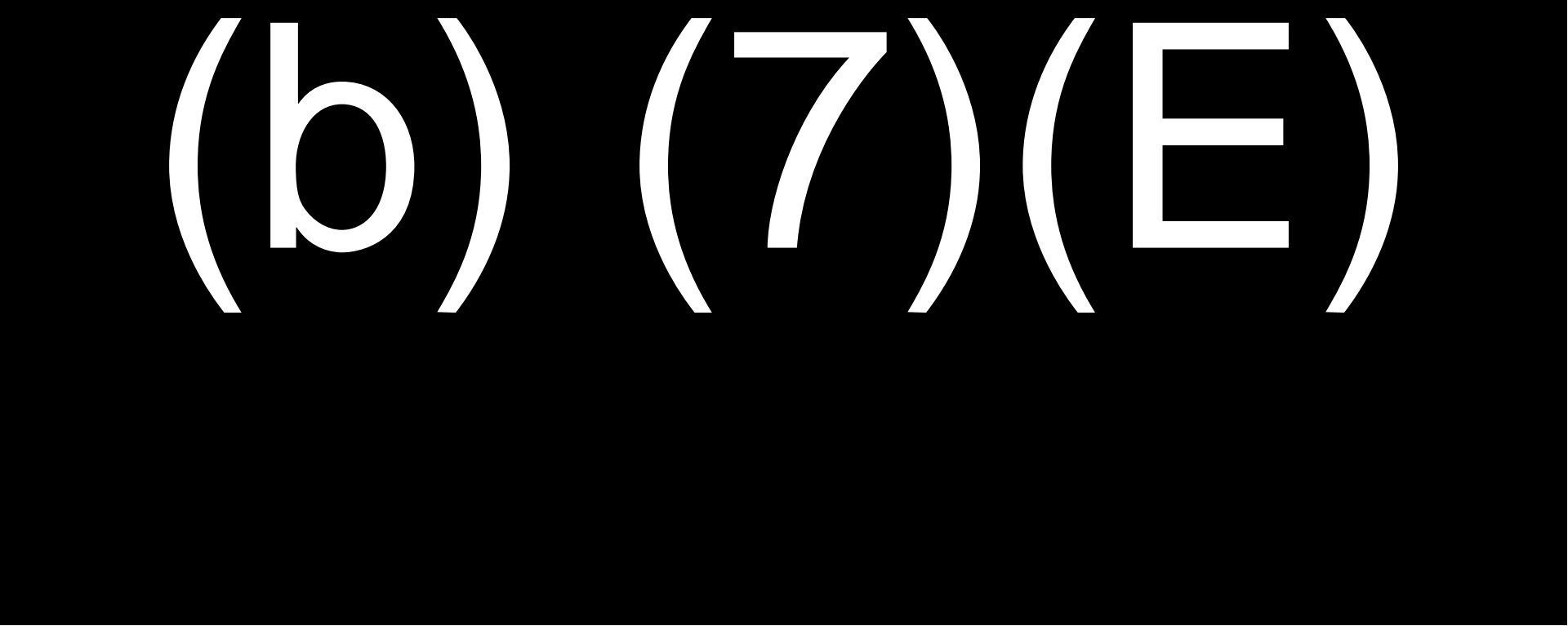
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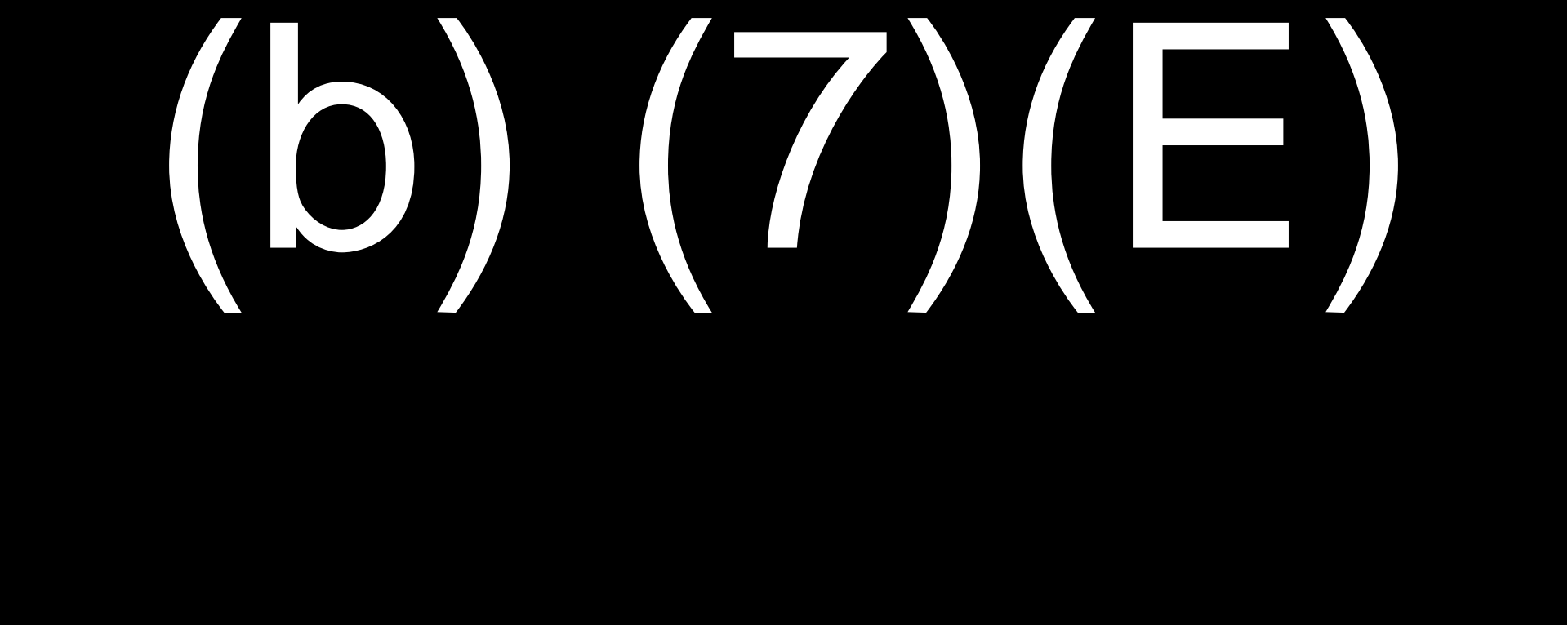
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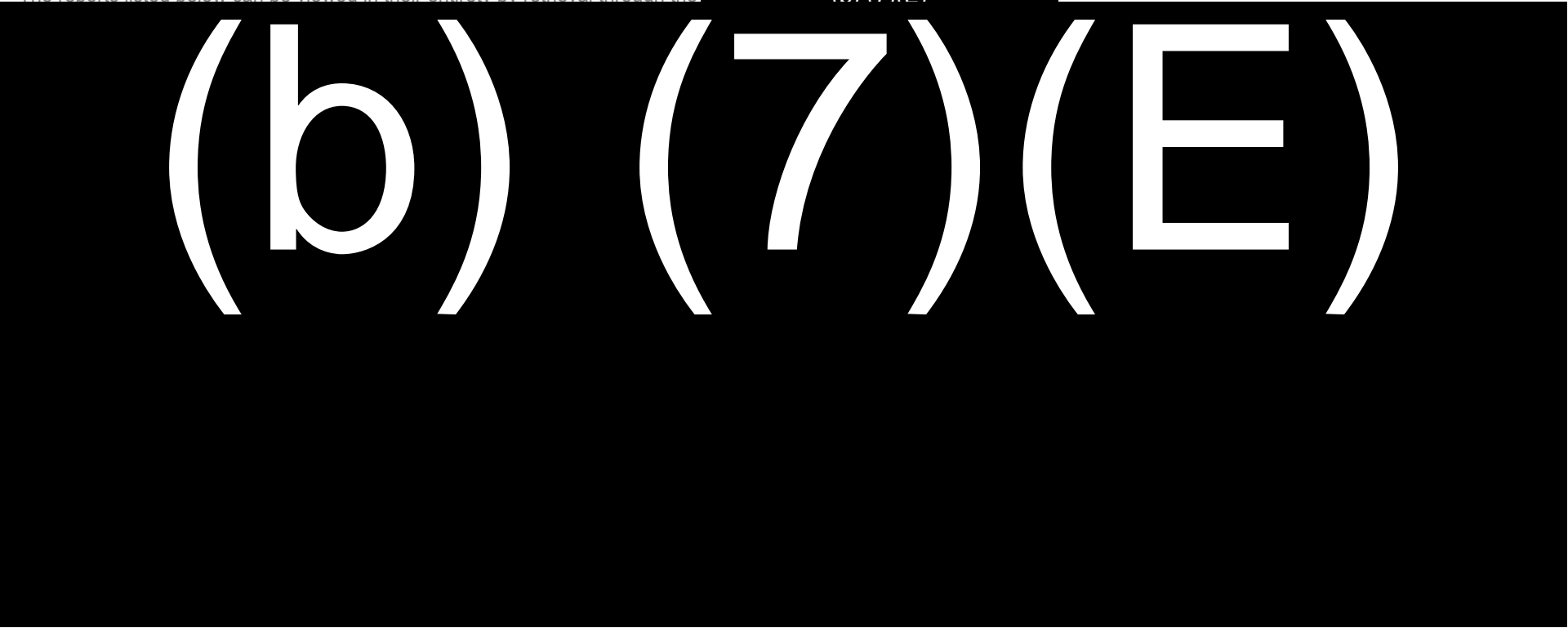
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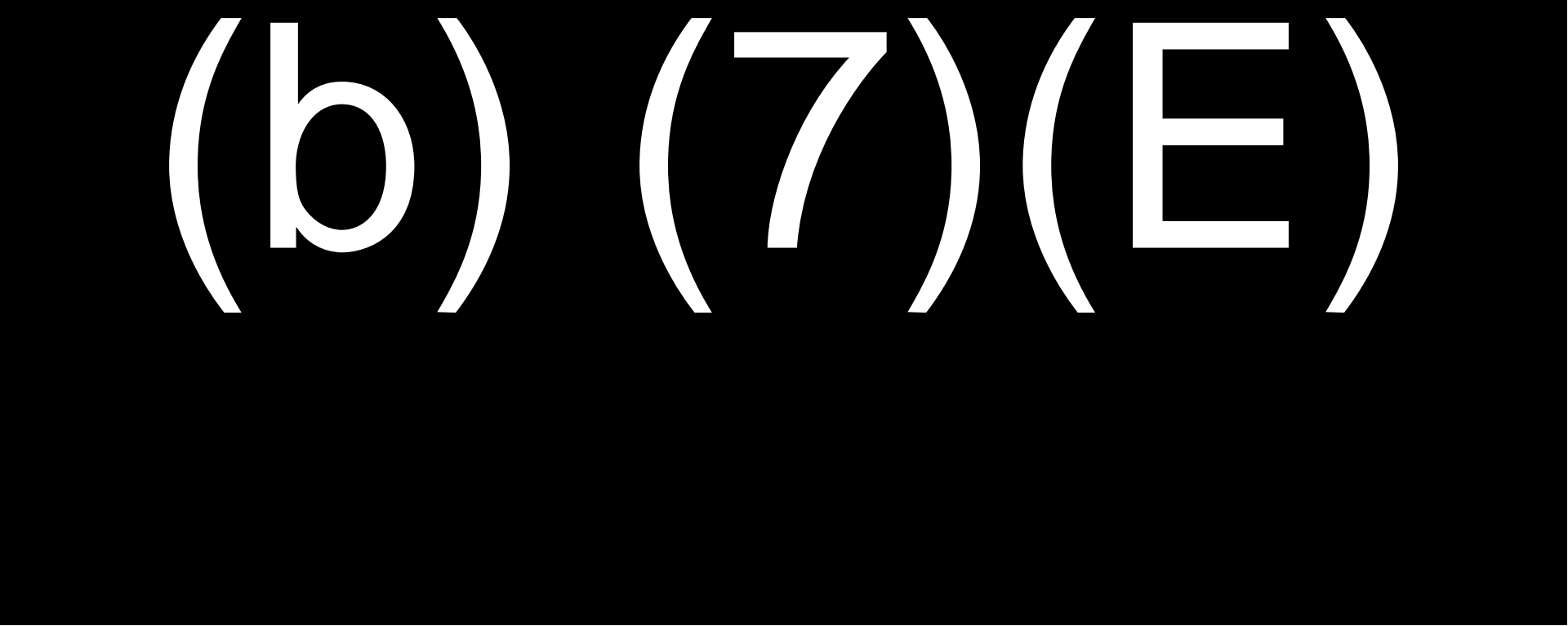
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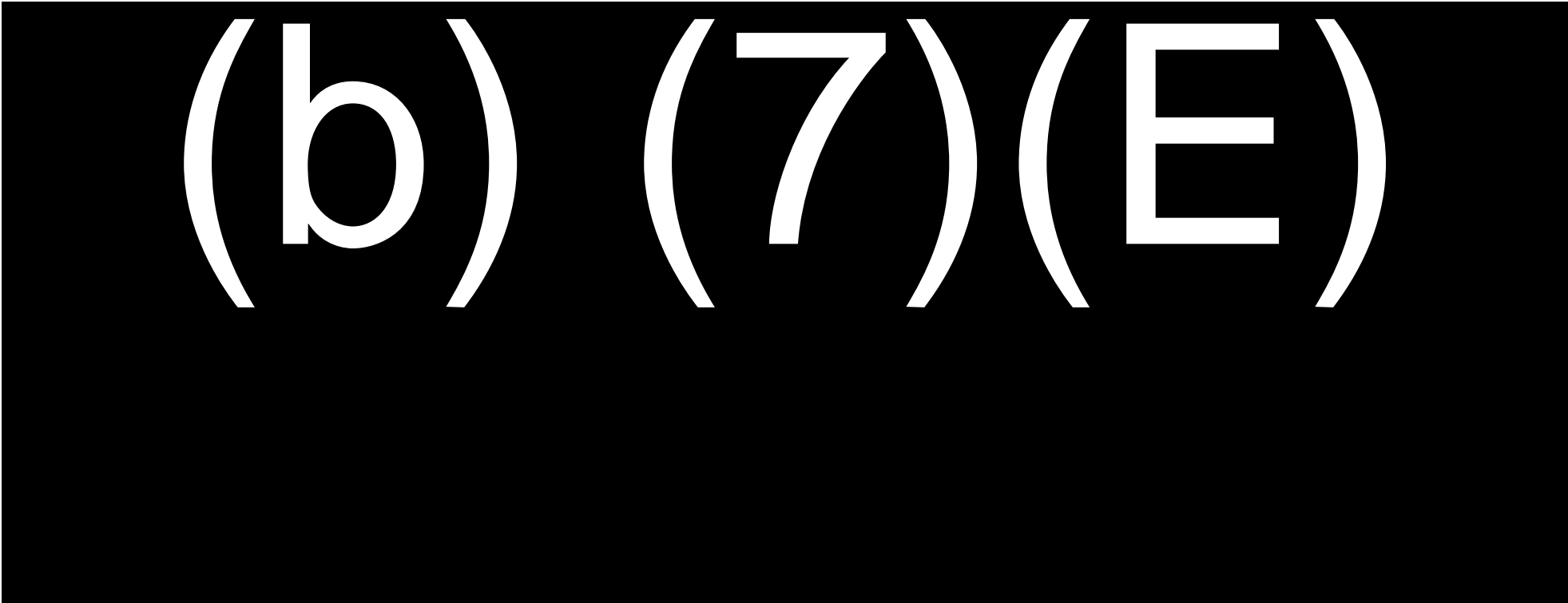
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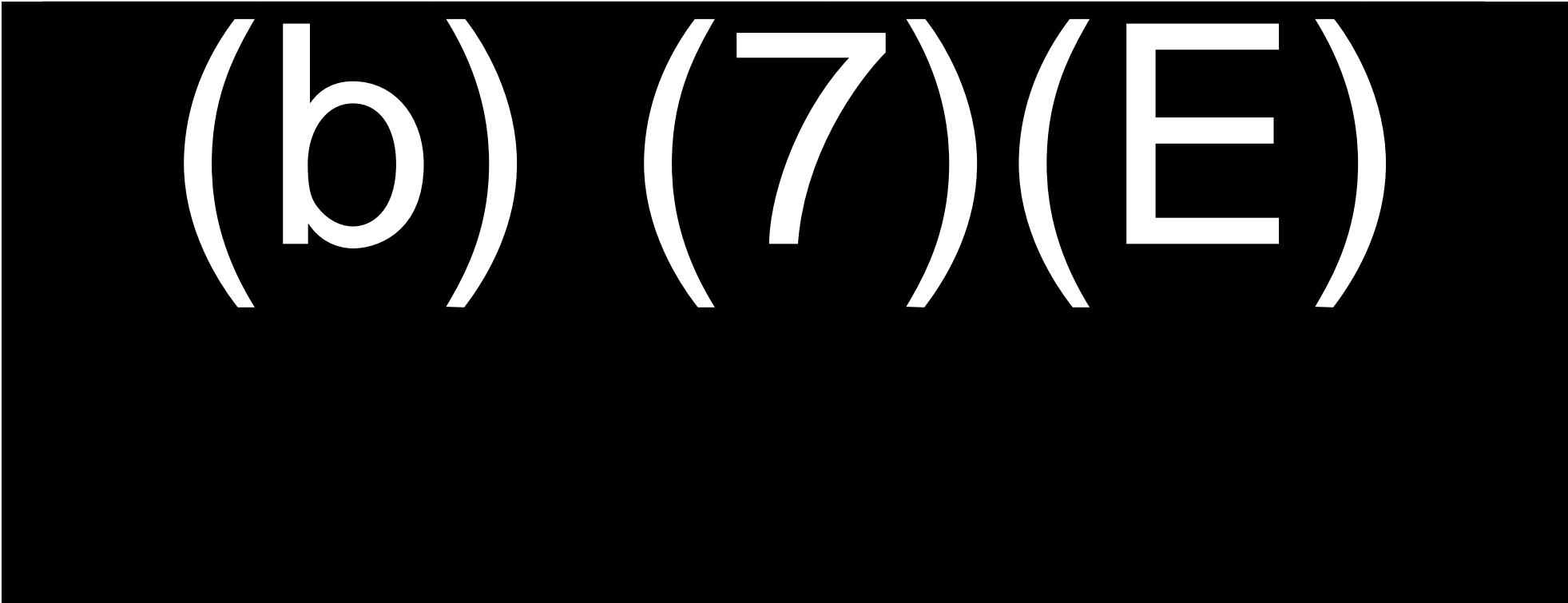
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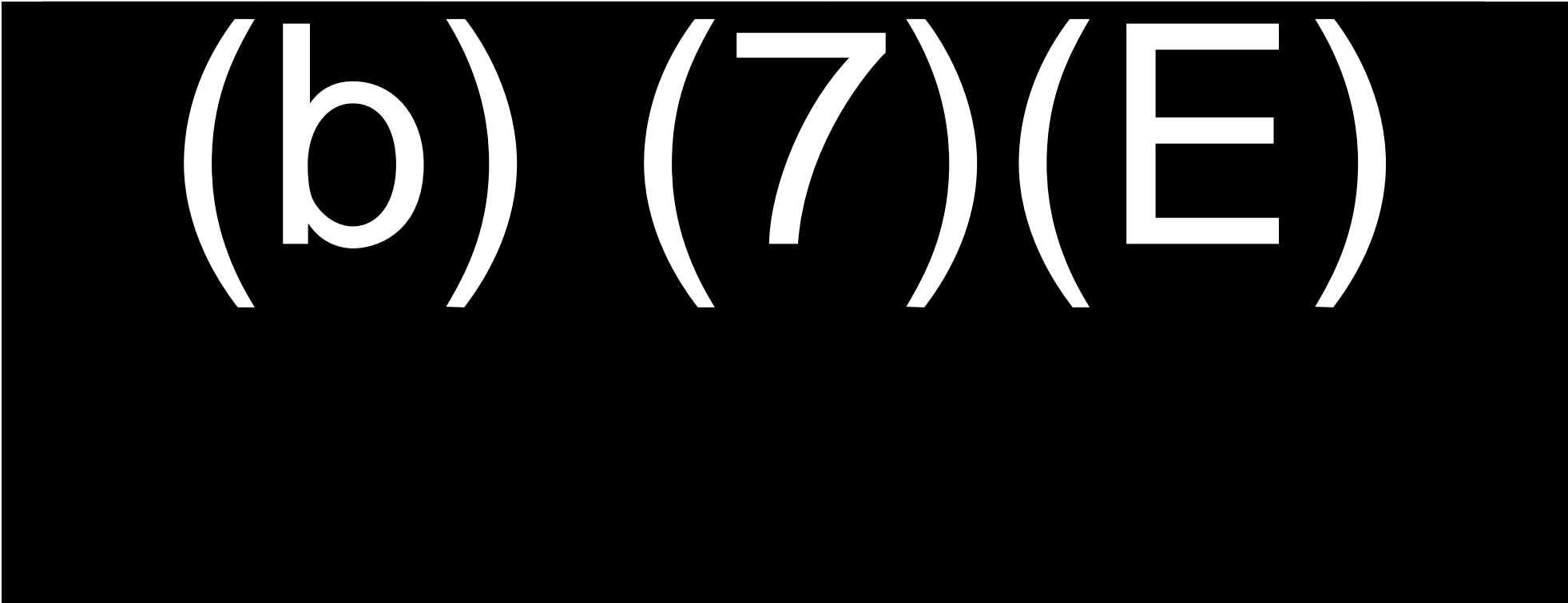
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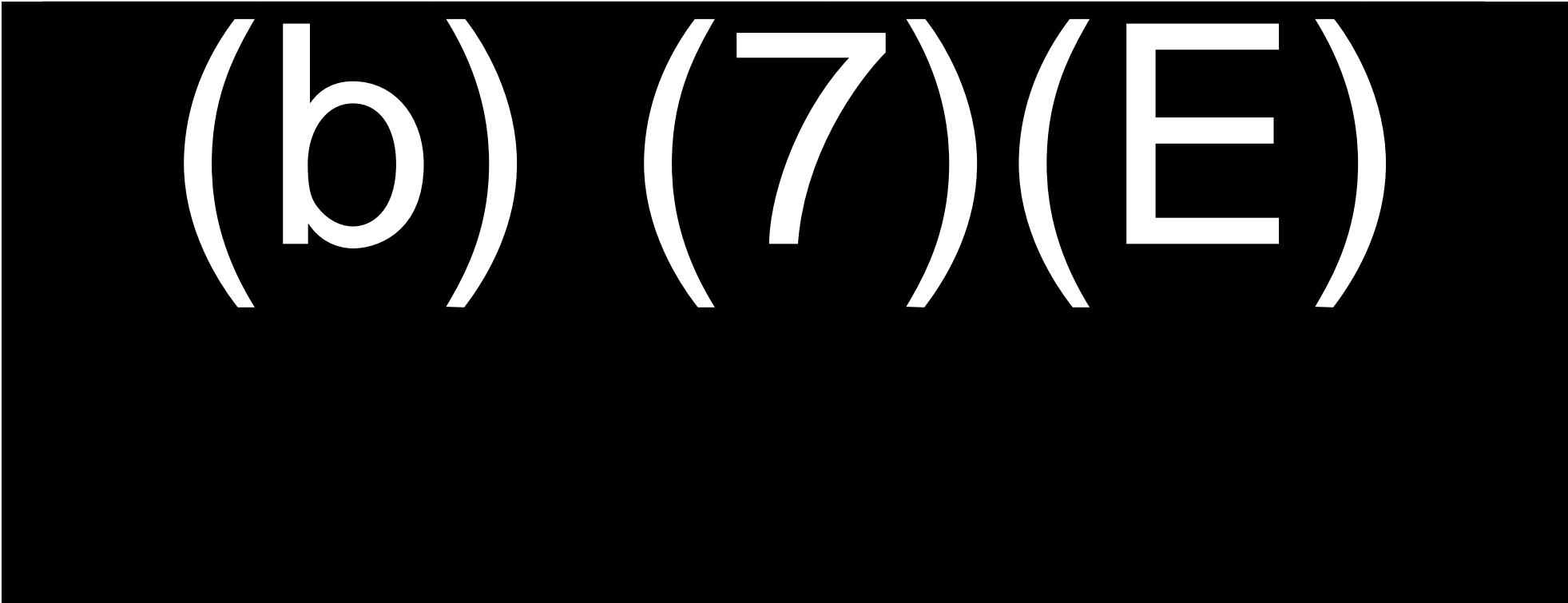
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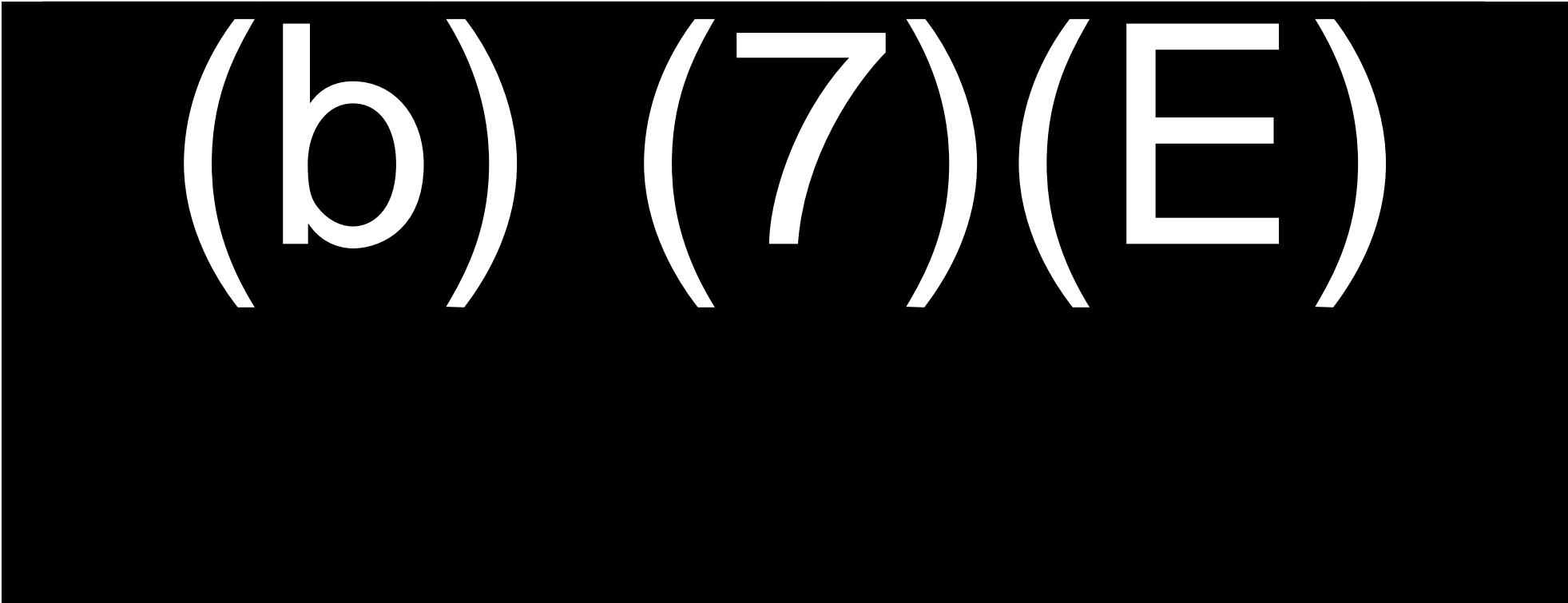
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**Subject:** (b) (7)(E) Daily (b) (7)(E) Snapshot  
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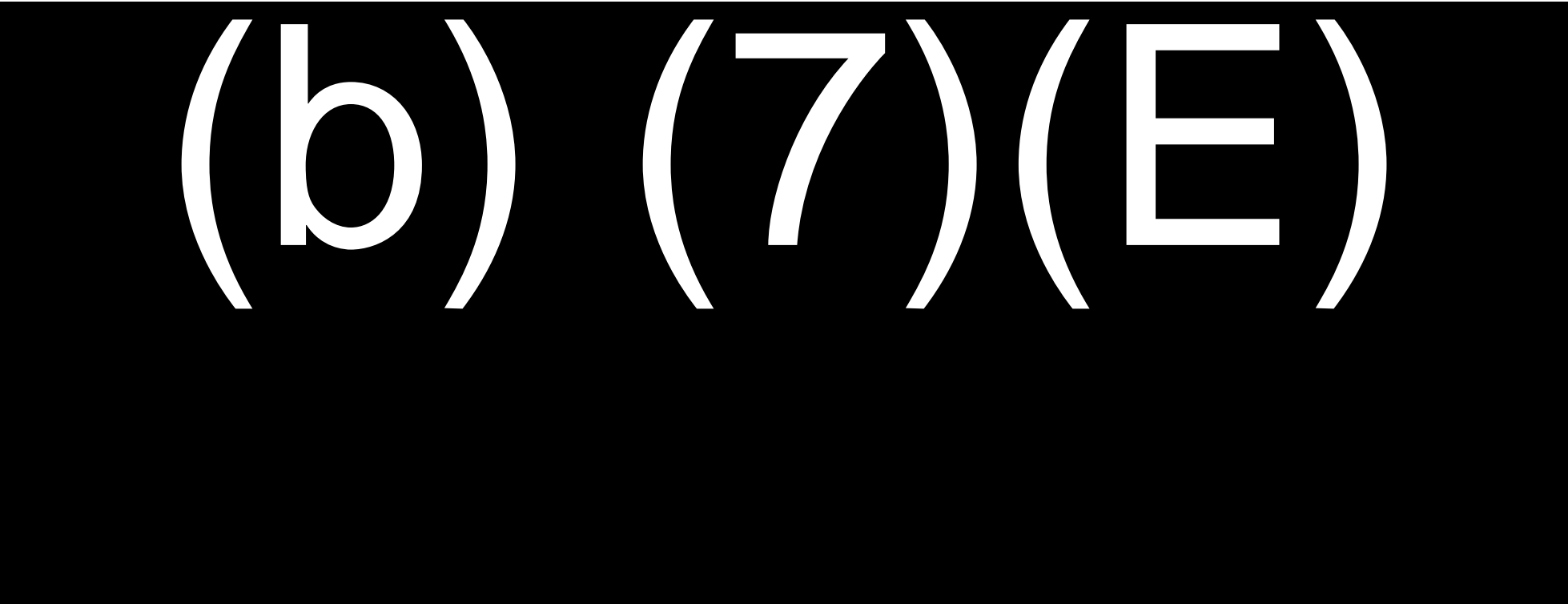
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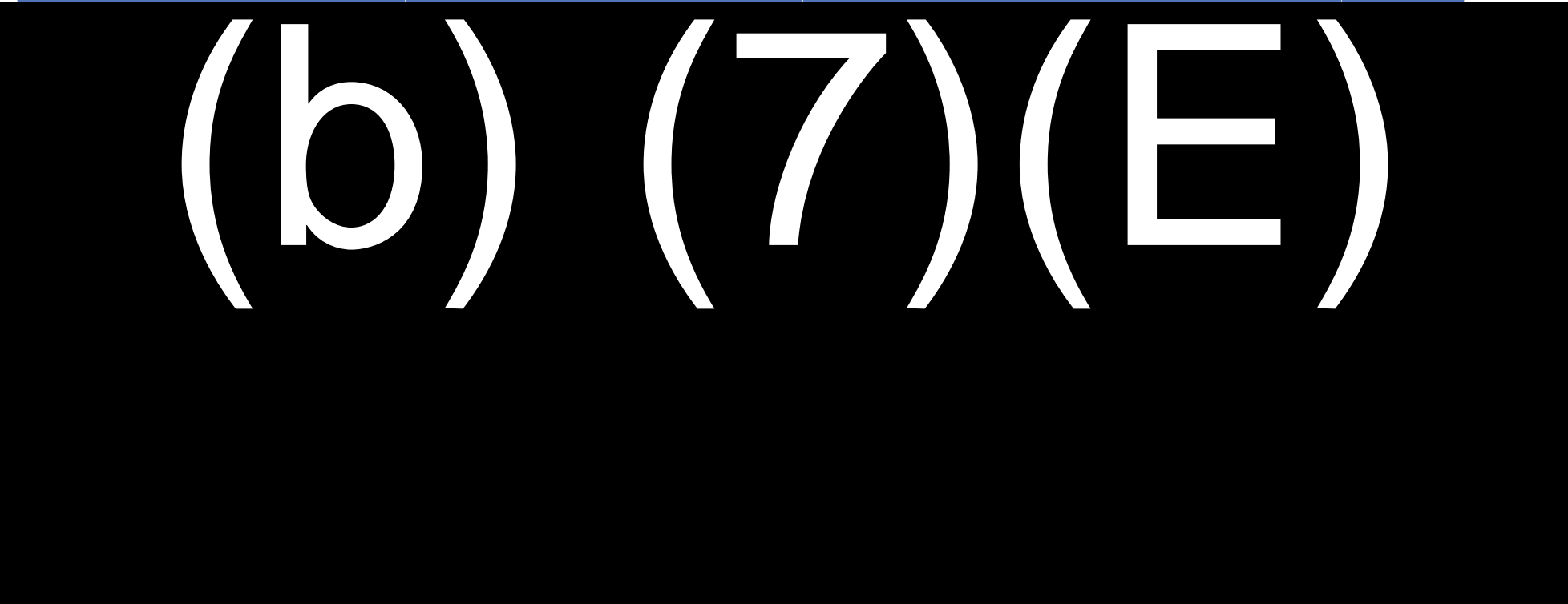
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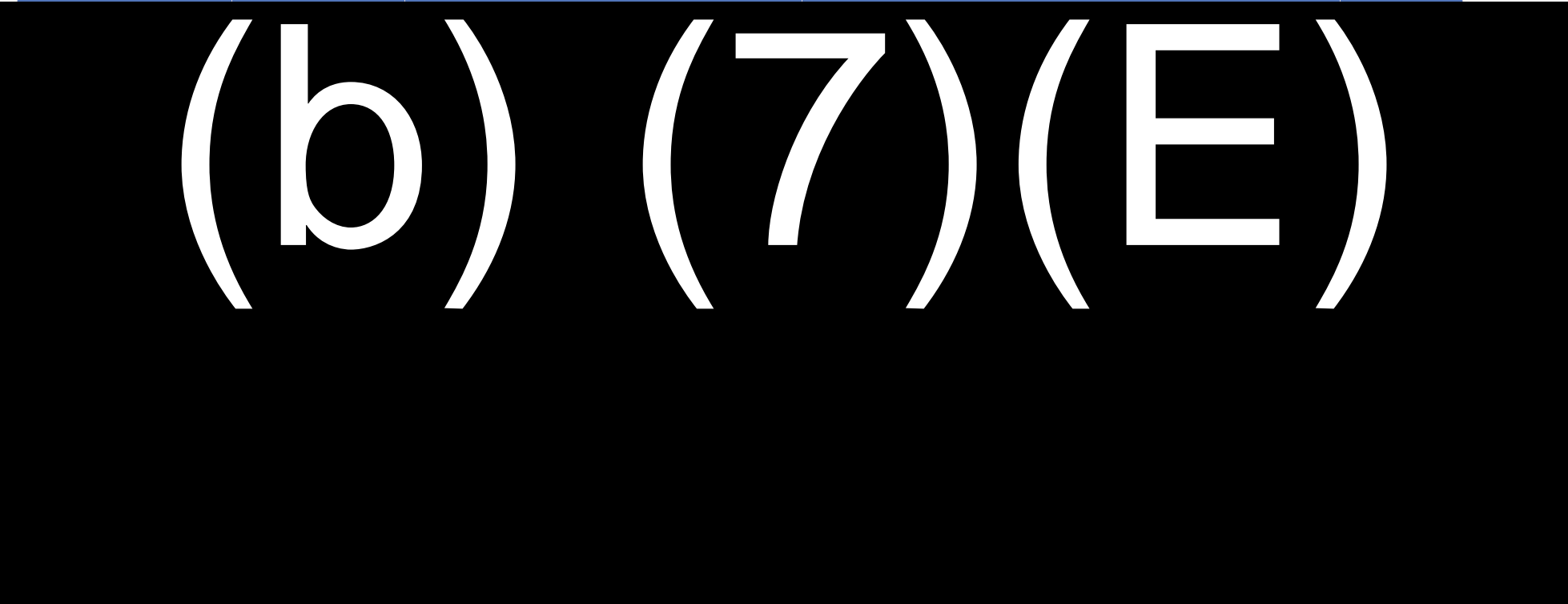
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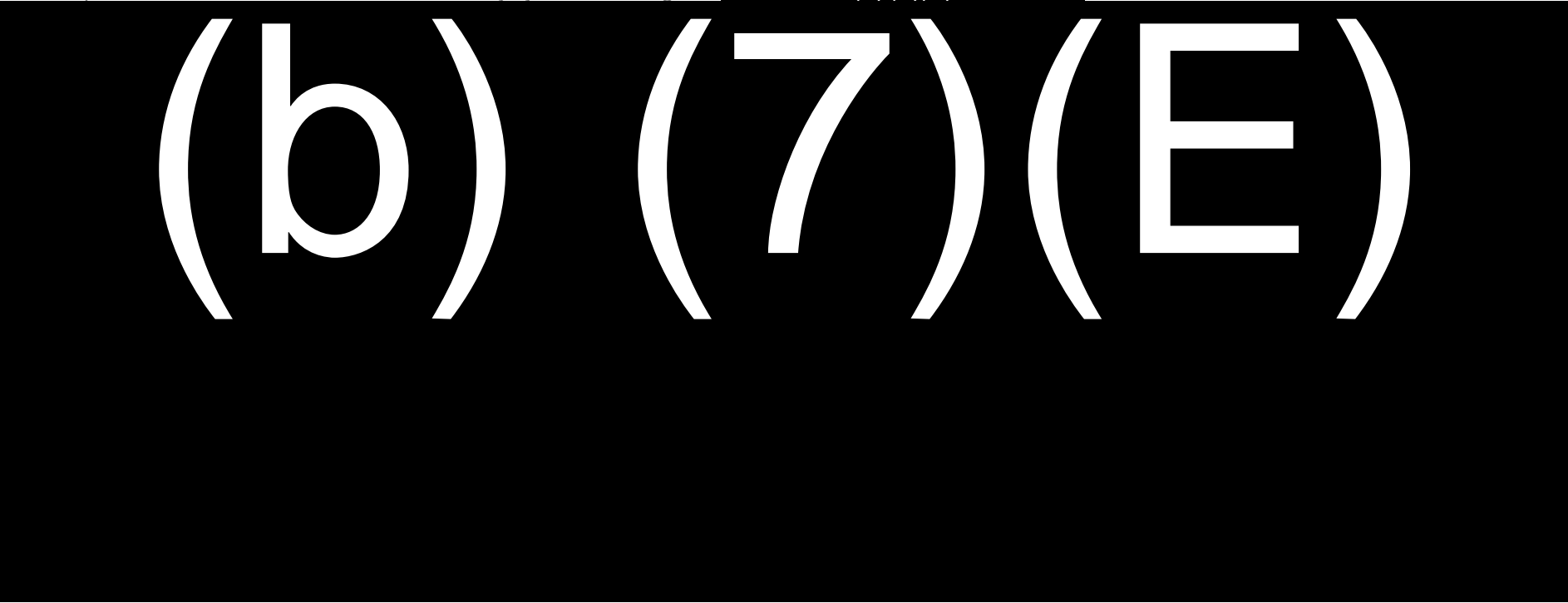
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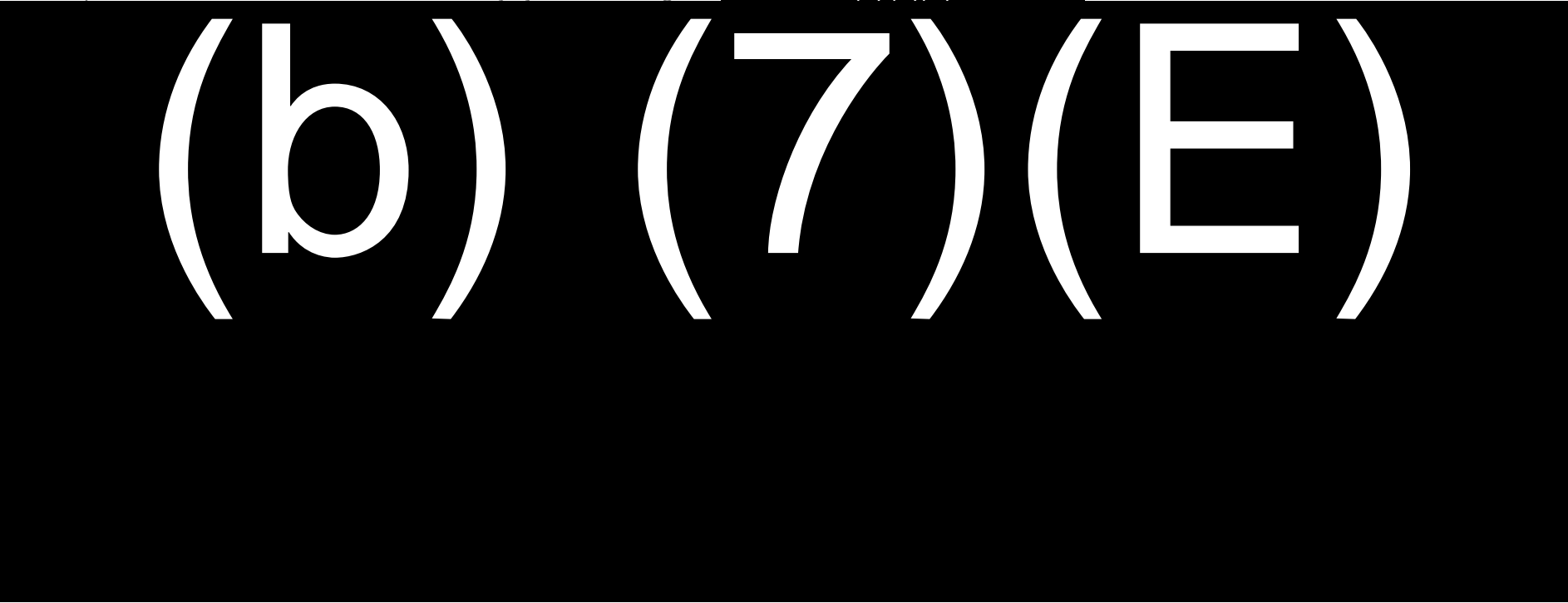
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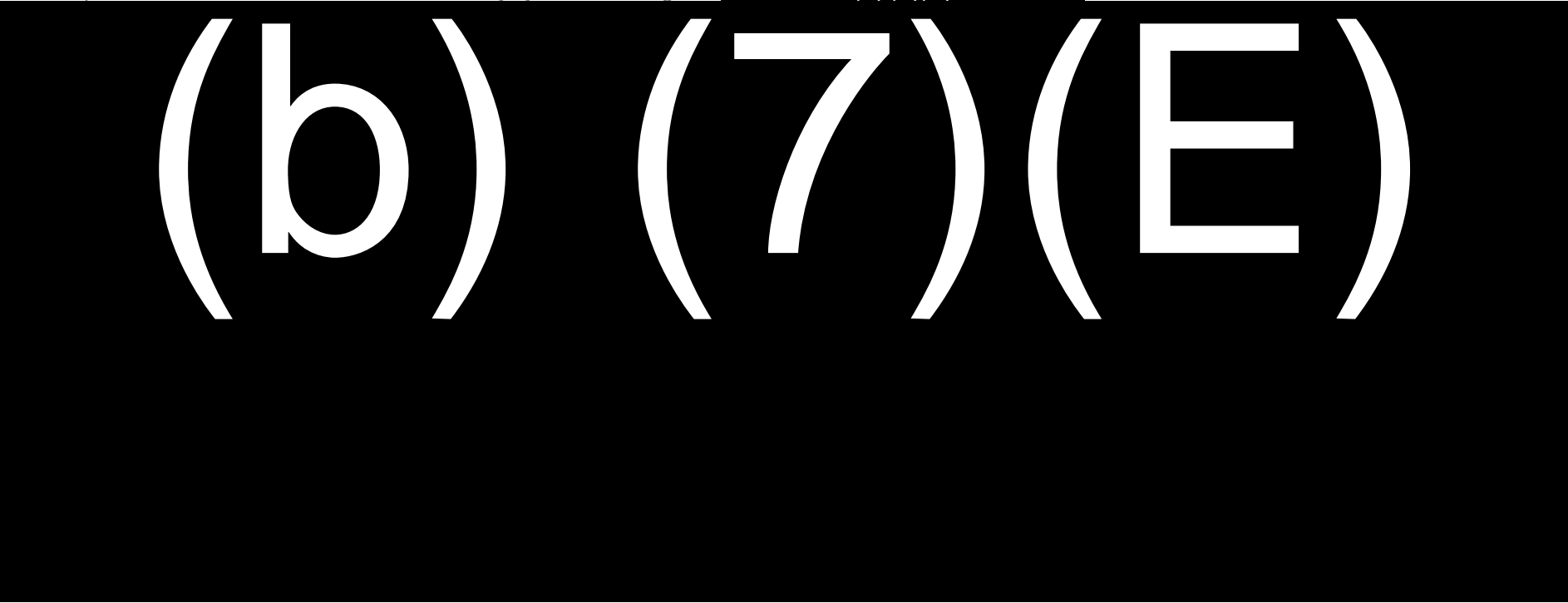
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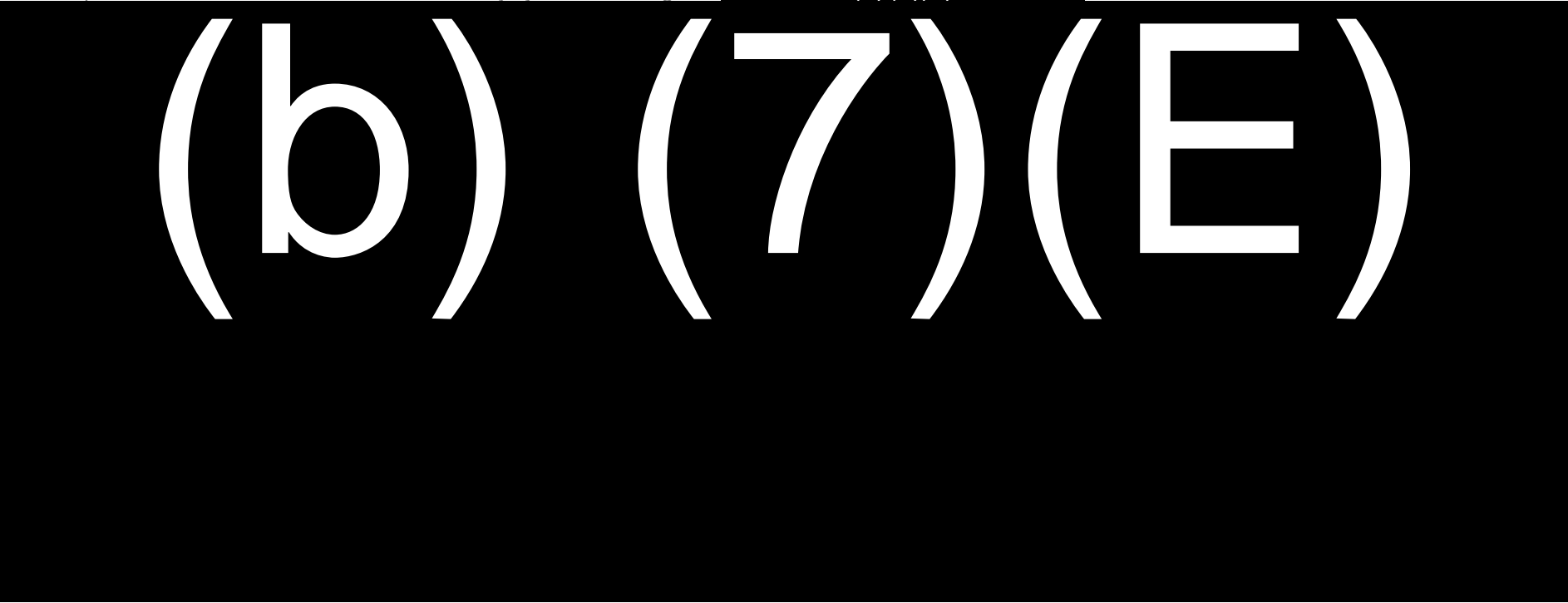
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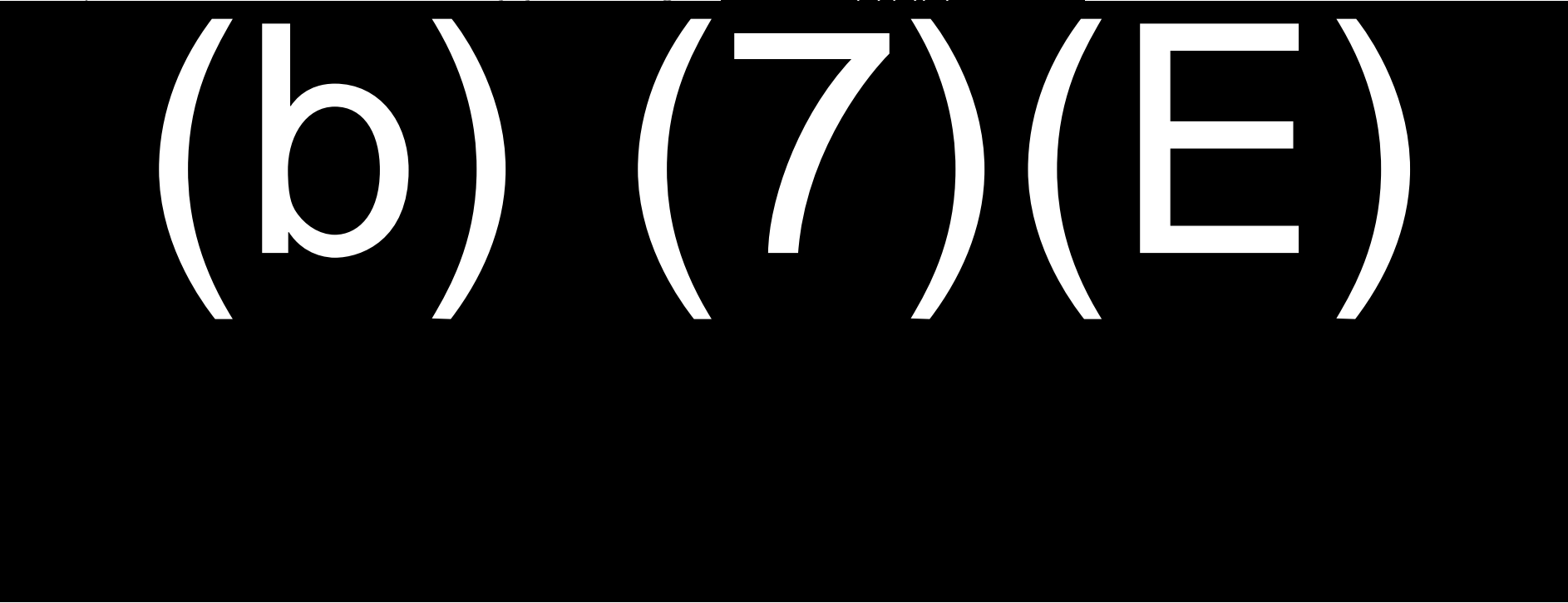
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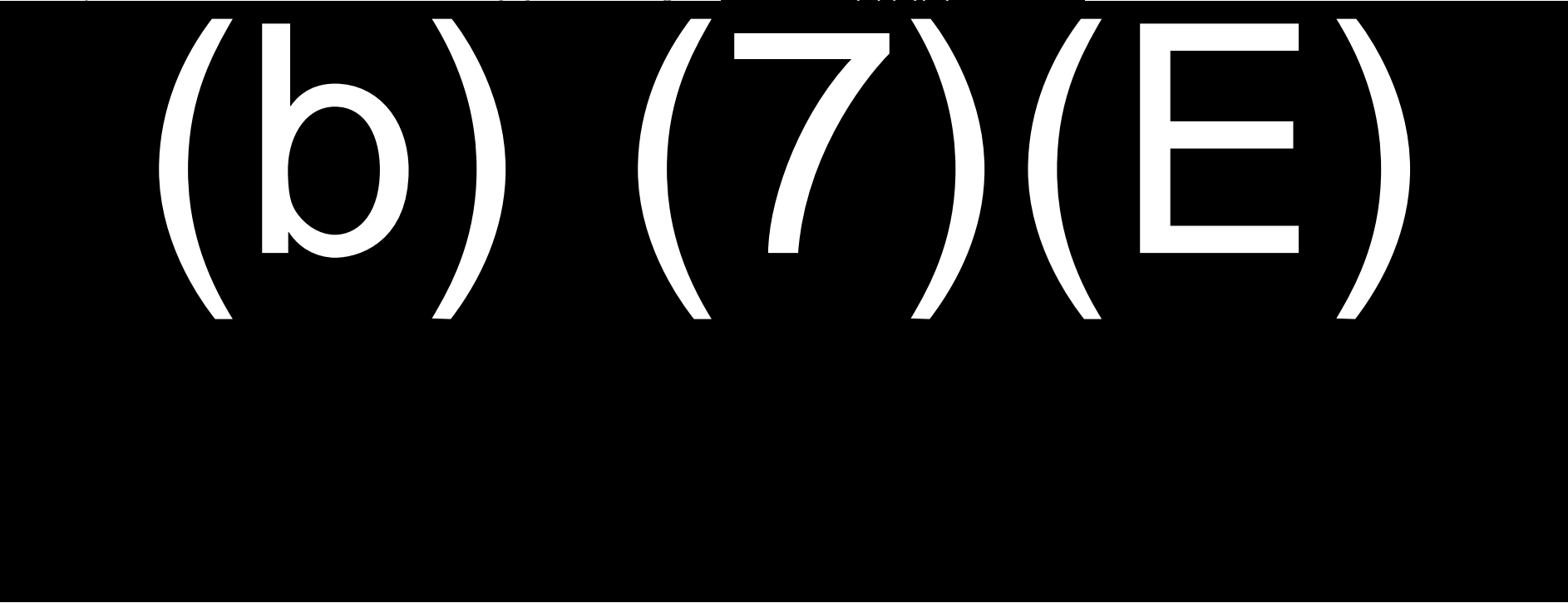
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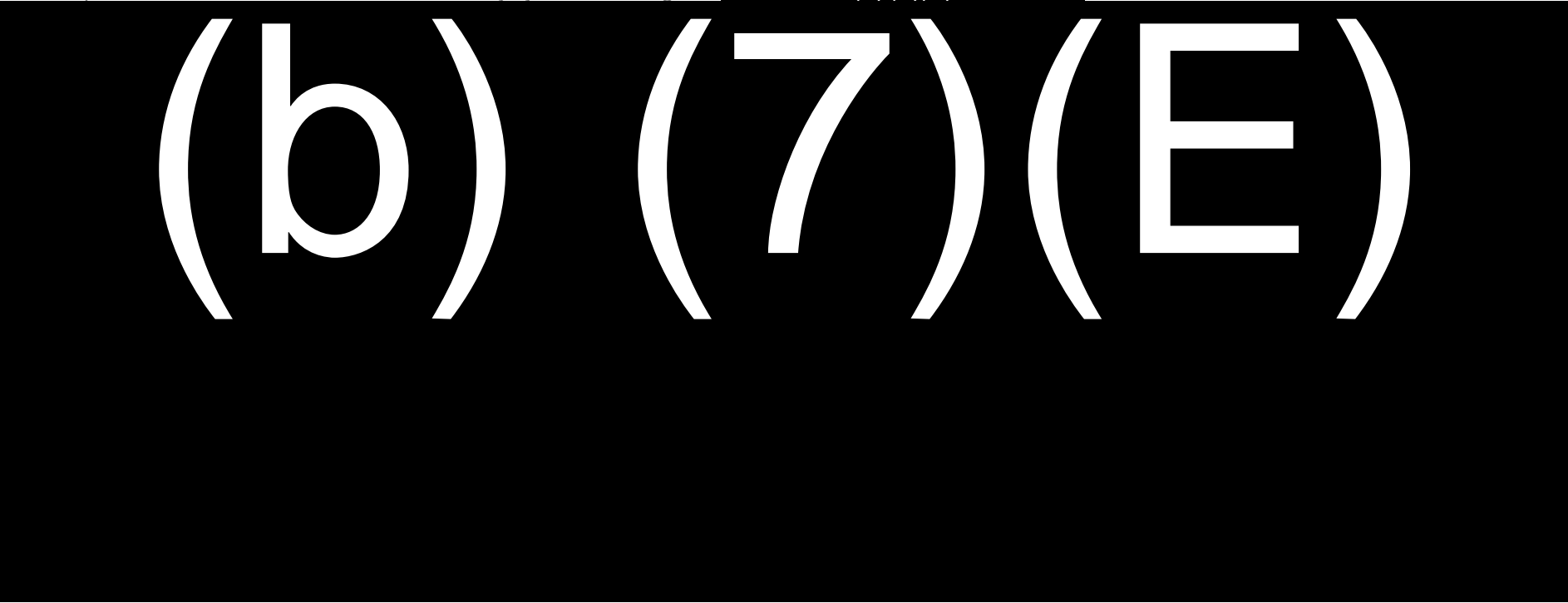
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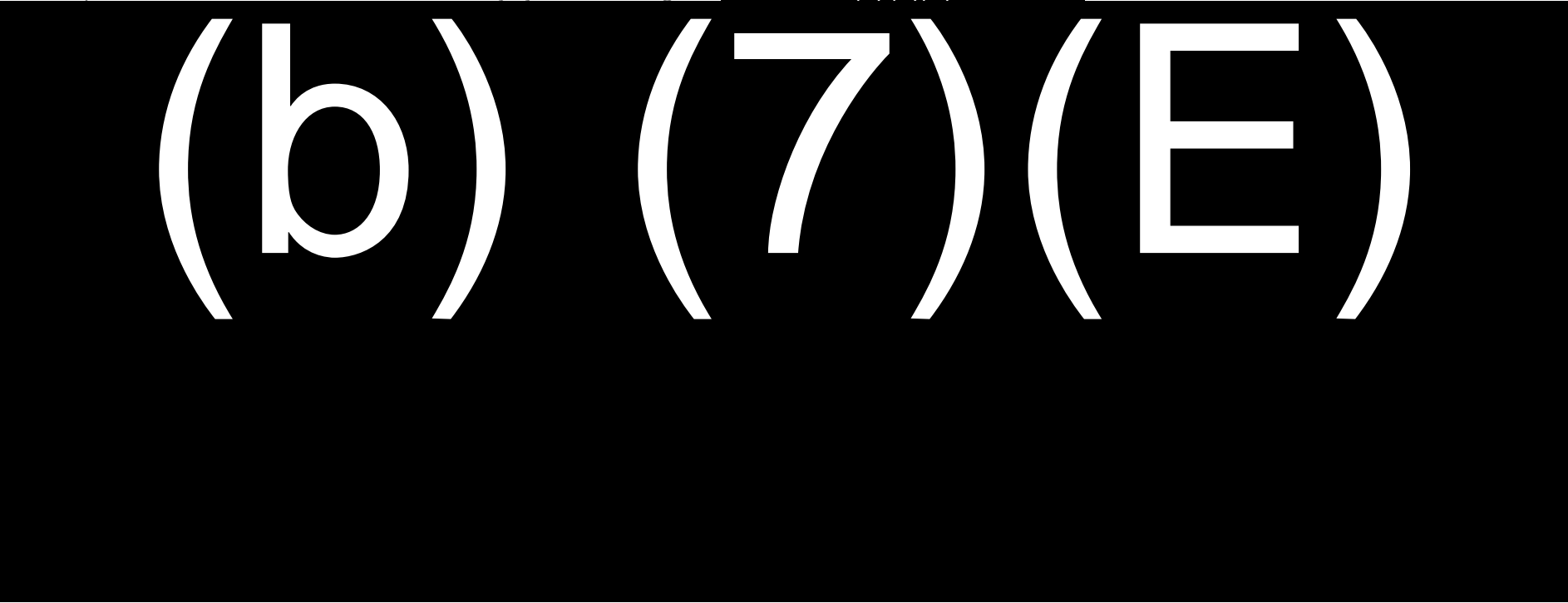
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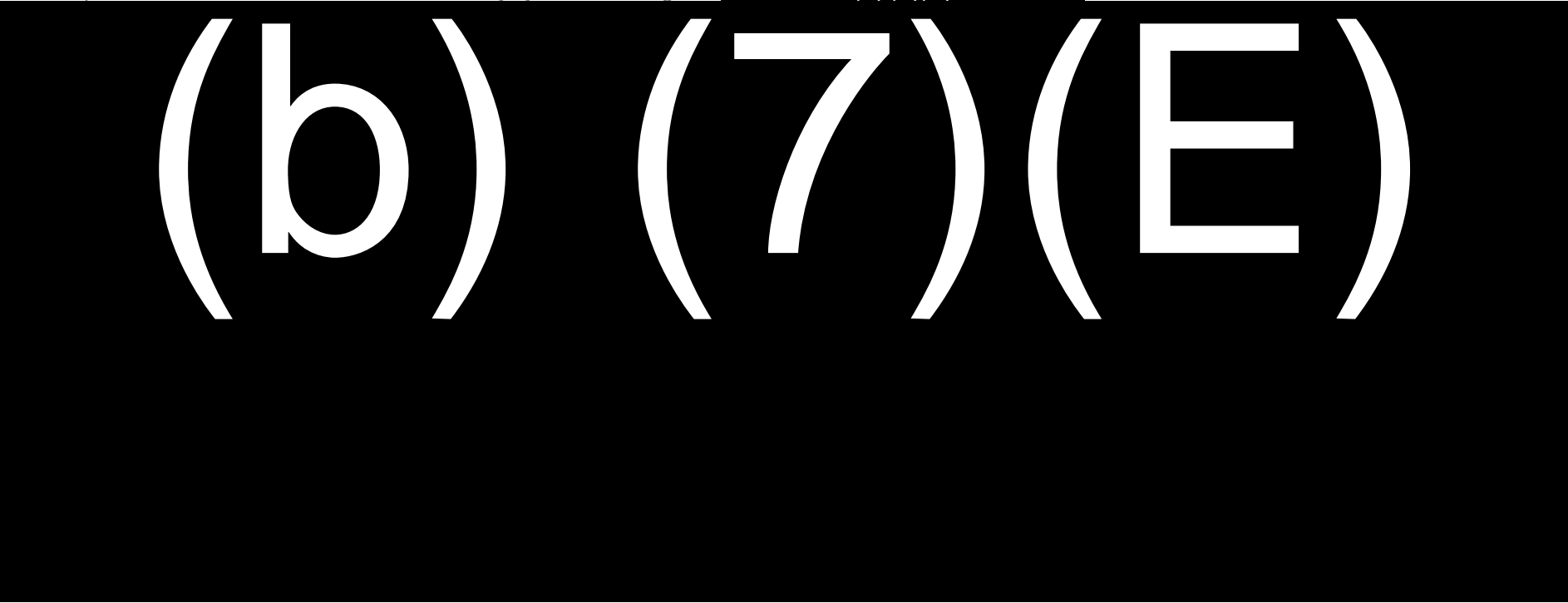
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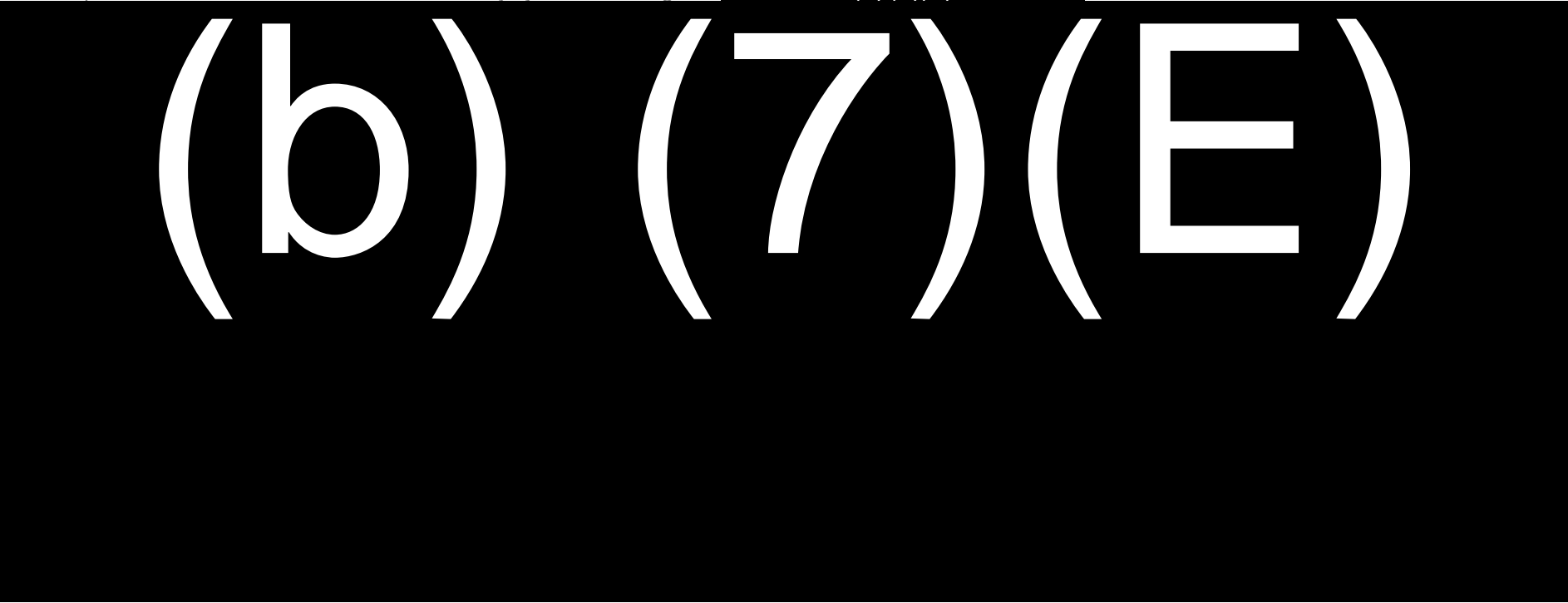
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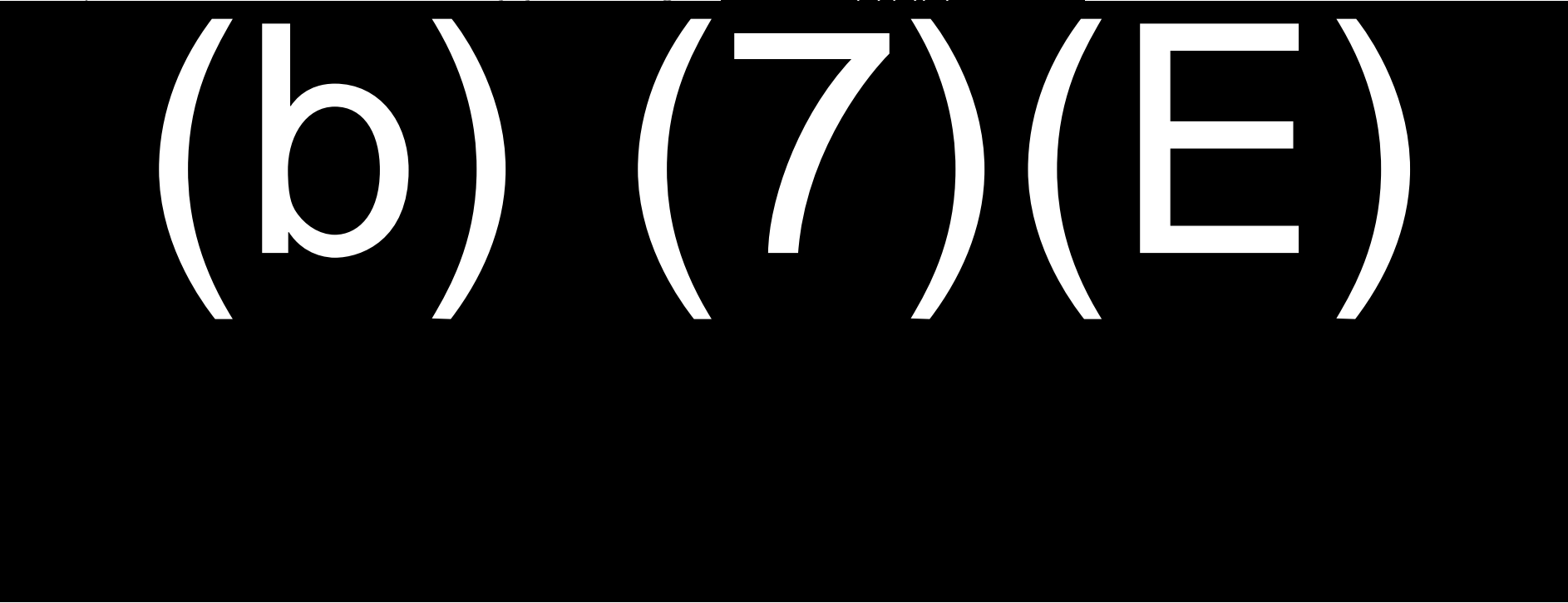
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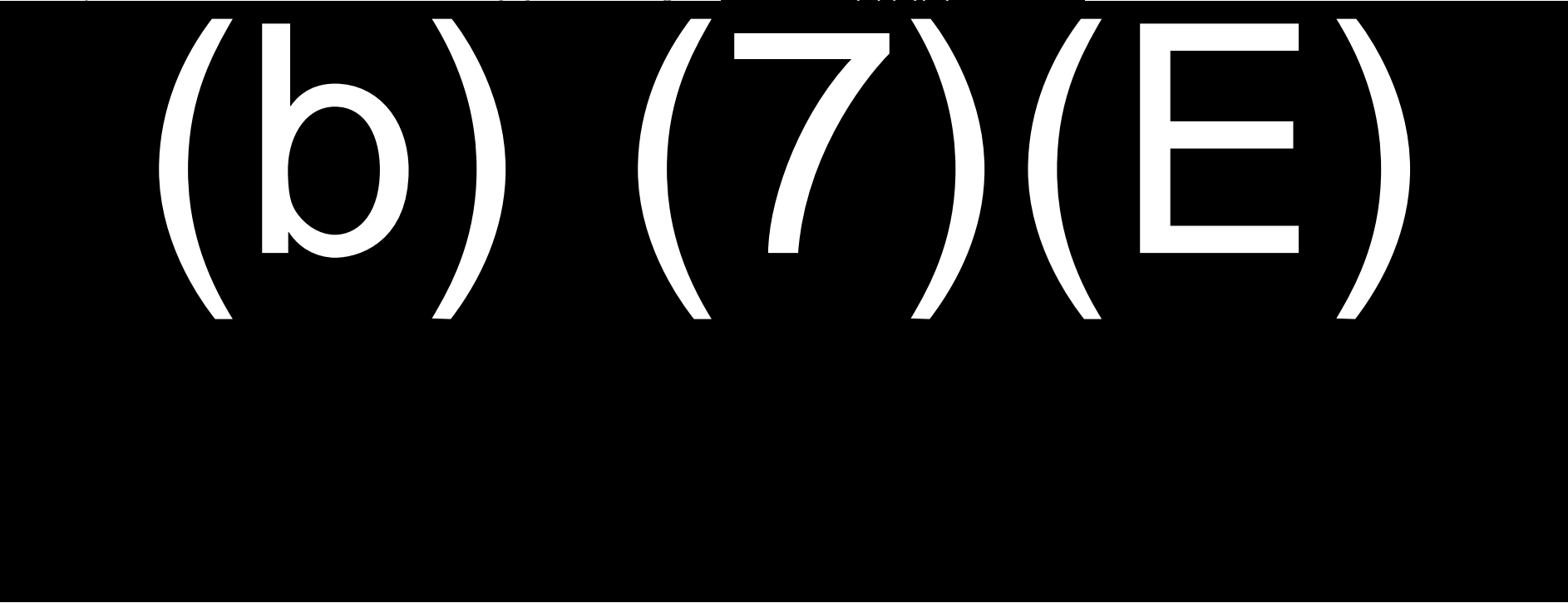
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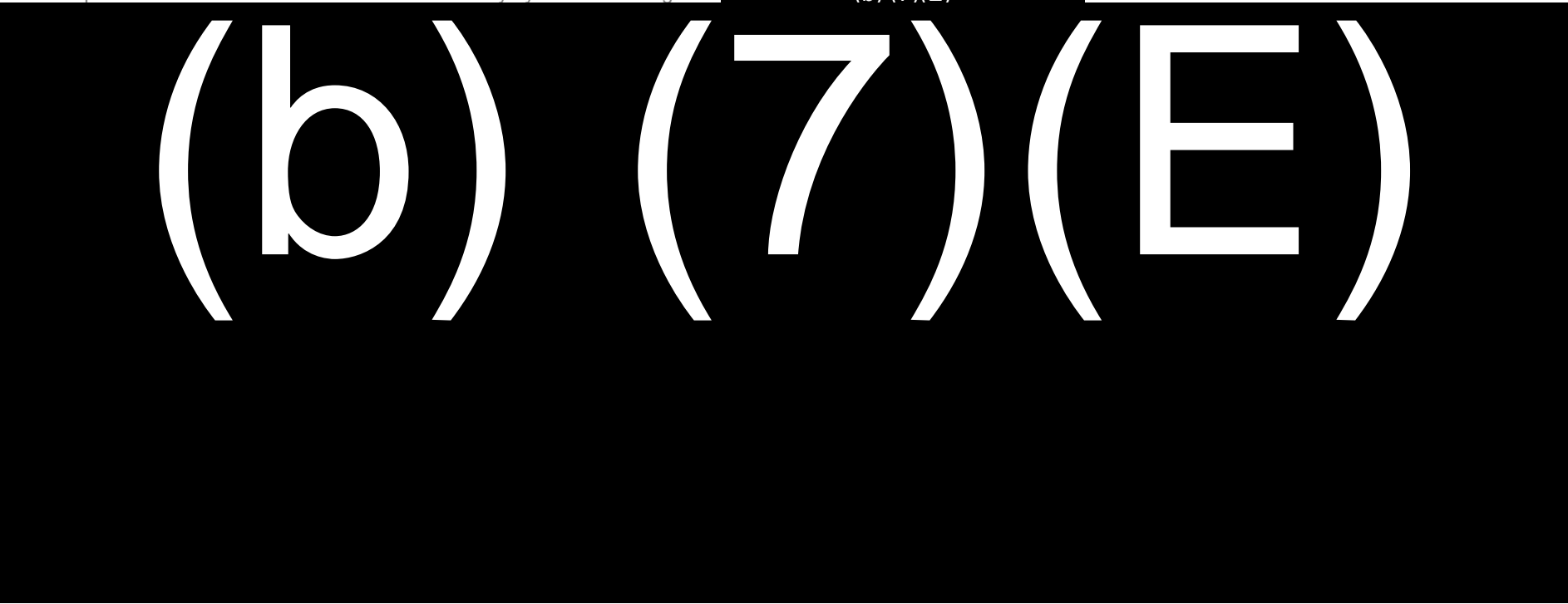
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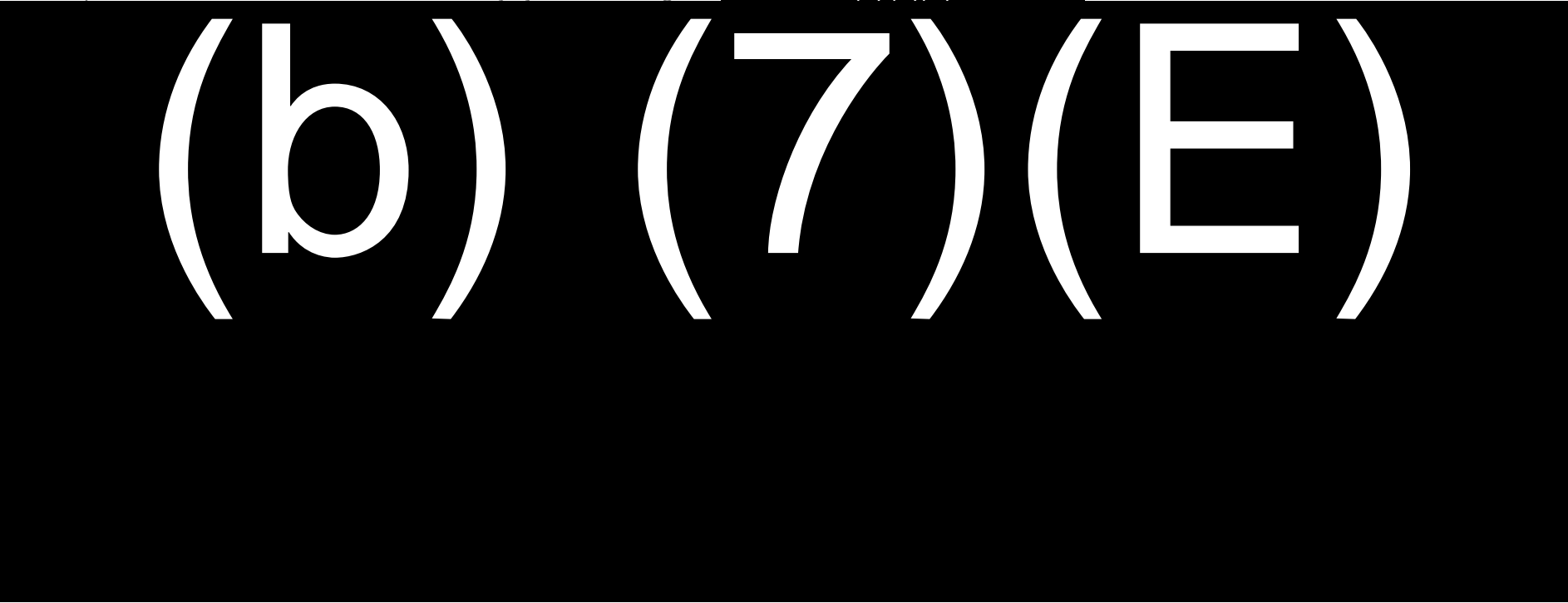
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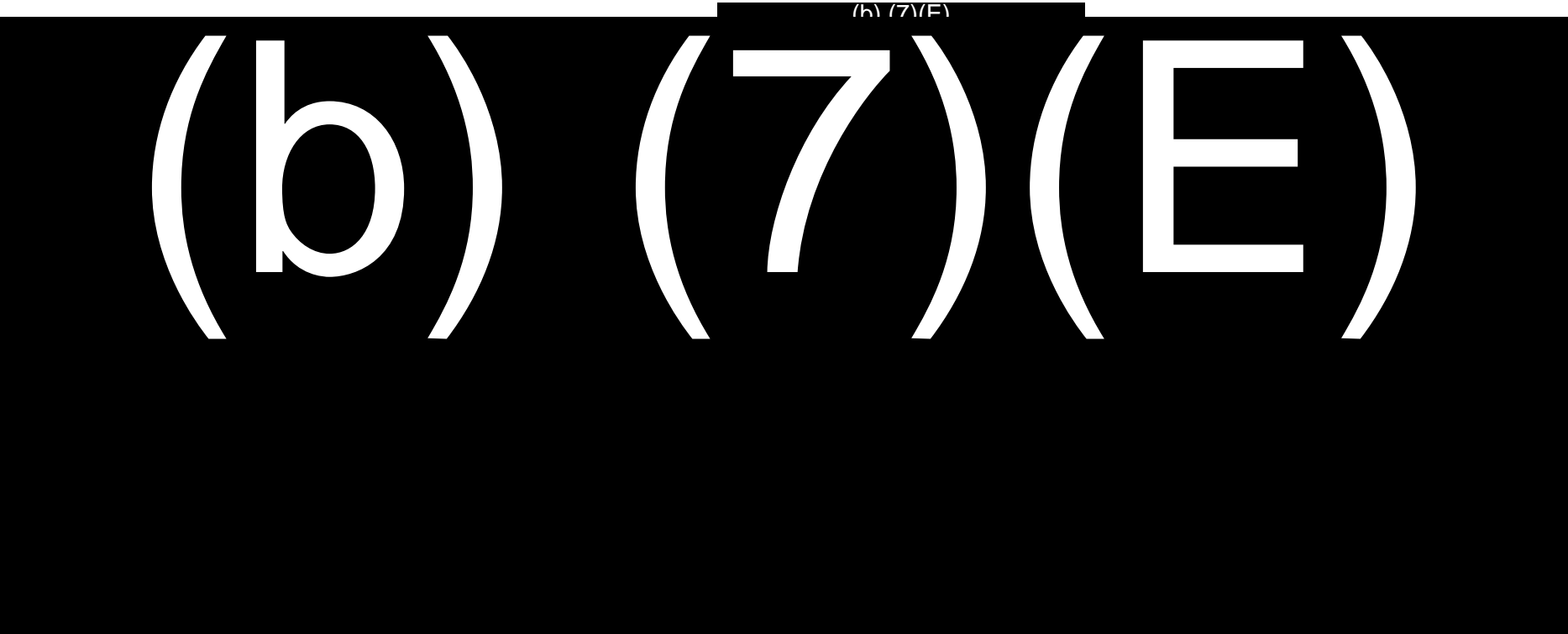
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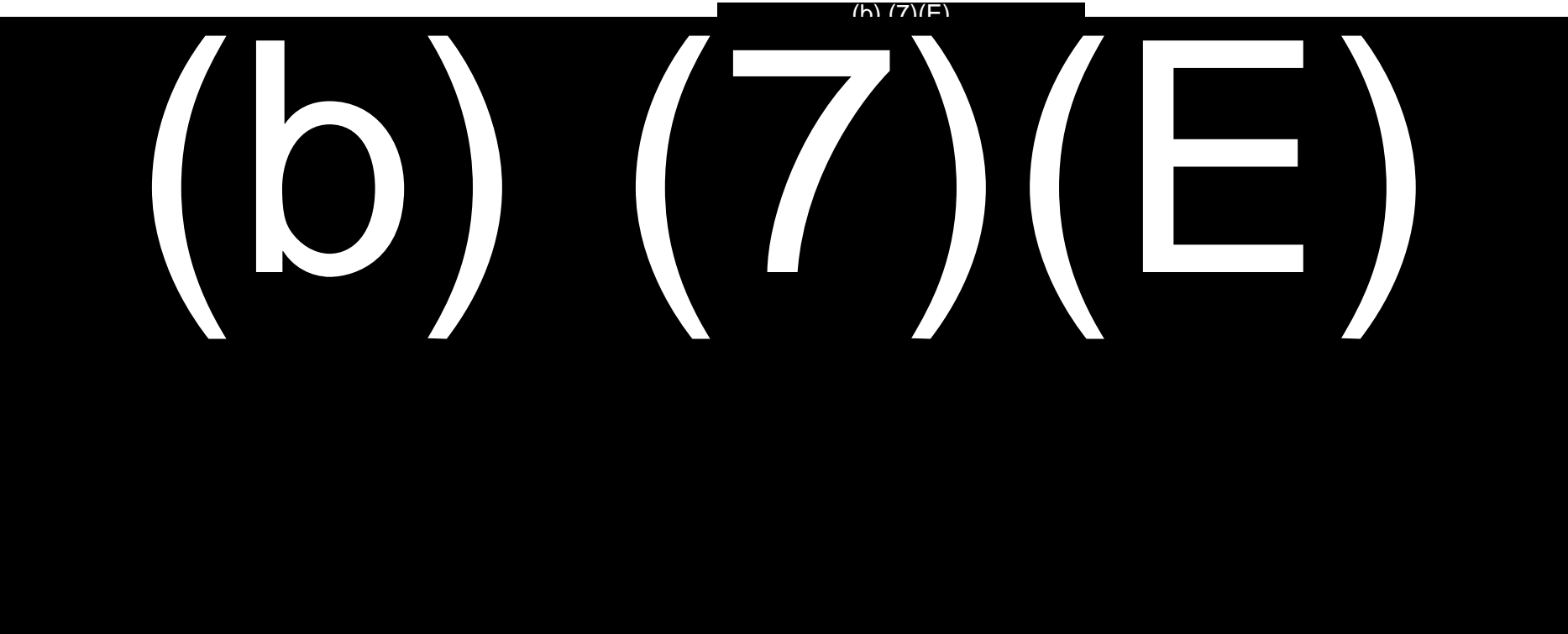
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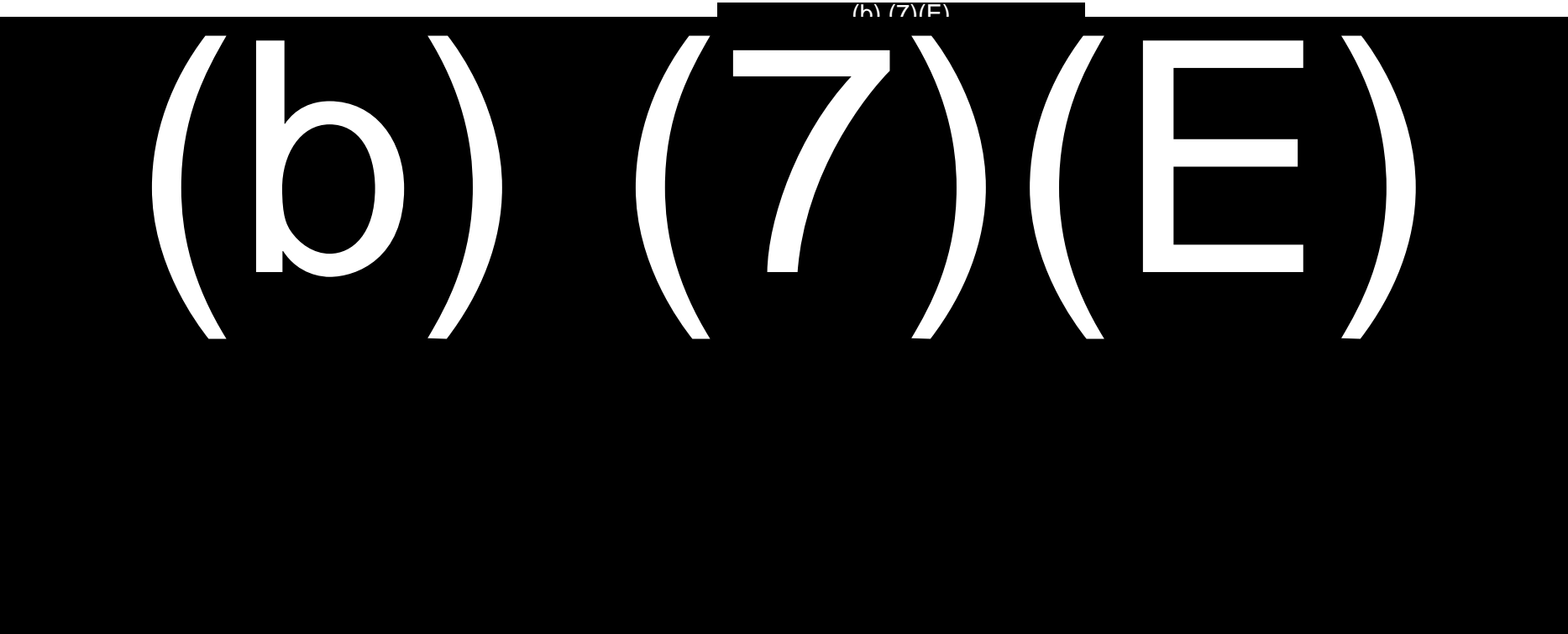
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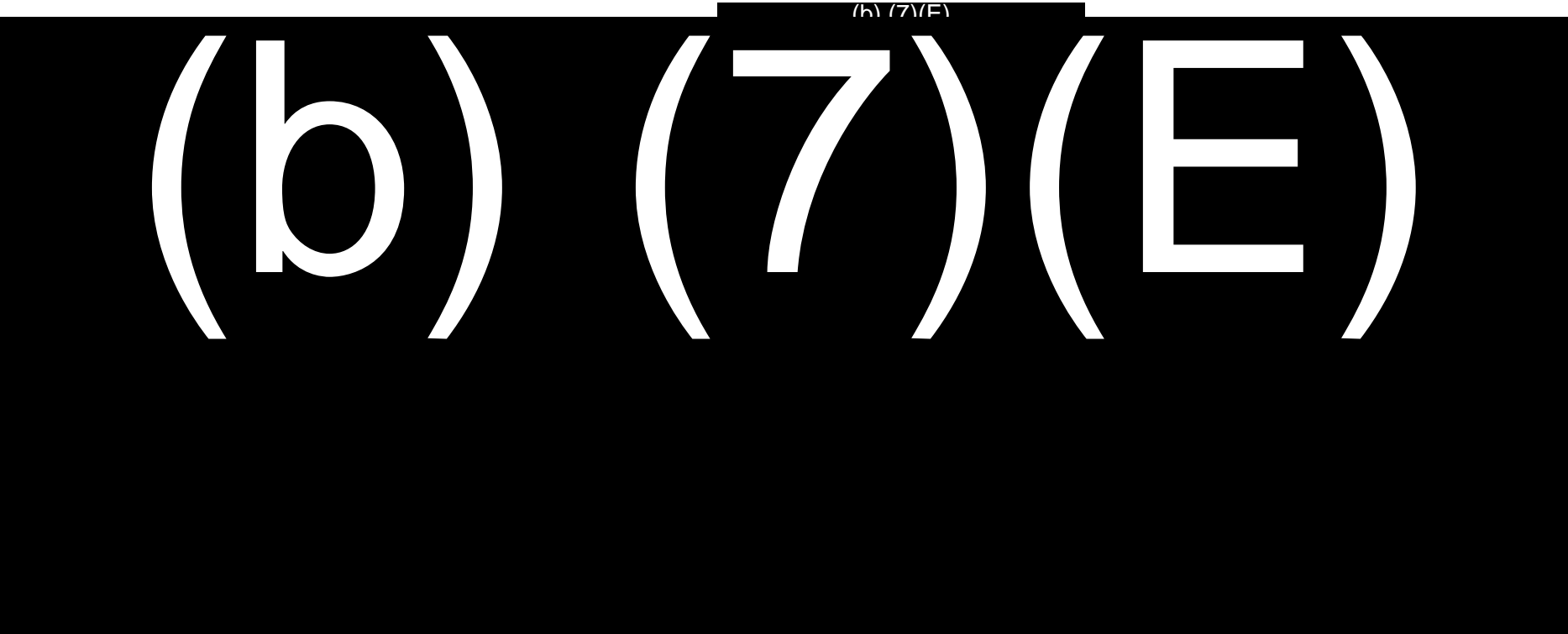
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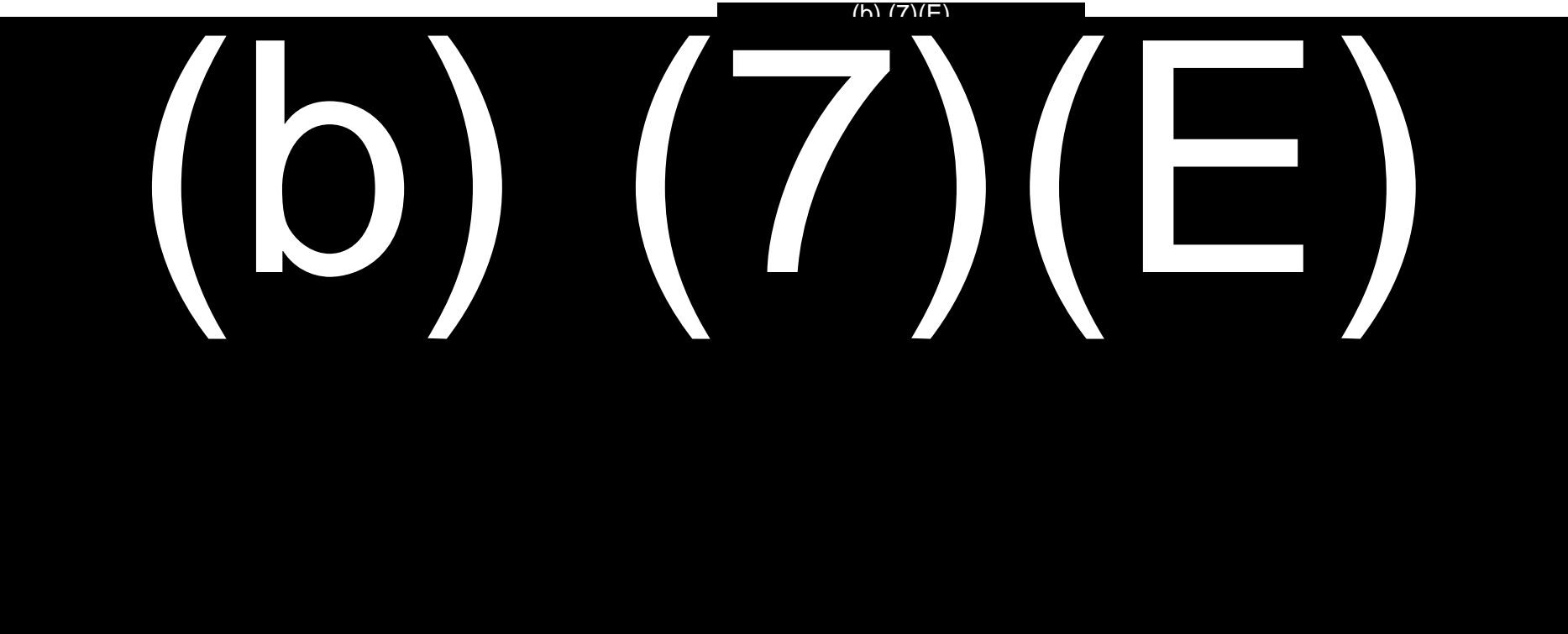
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Washington, DC 20006

Dear Mr. Schwartztol:

As agreed to in *The Protect Democracy Project v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security, et al.*, Case No. 17-cv-2202, this is the final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), on behalf of The Protect Democracy Project, in which you are seeking records pertaining to unaffiliated border enforcement groups in the Tuscon Sector including: militia, Armed Patriot Group, Citizen Defenders, Citizen's Border Patrol, Patriots, Minutemen, Three Percent, Tim Foley, Shane Bauer, Rusty's Ranger, Arizona Border Recon, Arizona Militia, Mother Jones.

This production consists of 214 pages of records responsive to your request. CBP has determined that 46 pages will be released in full and no exemptions have been applied, 6 pages will be withheld in full pursuant to Title 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(7)(E), and 159 pages are partially releasable, pursuant to Title 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), and (b)(7)(E).

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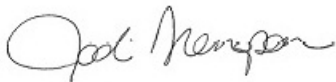
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This completes CBP's response to your request. If you have questions or concerns regarding this final response, you may contact Assistant United States Attorney Scott L. Sroka at (202) 252-7113 or email [Scott.Sroka@usdoj.gov](mailto:Scott.Sroka@usdoj.gov).

Please notate file number CBP-2017-086572 on any future correspondence to CBP related to this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jodi Drengson", written in a cursive style.

Jodi Drengson  
FOIA Analyst, FOIA Division  
Office of Diversity and Civil Rights

**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) on behalf of (b) (7)(E) -CBP  
**To:** JTF-W AZ (b) (7)(E) TUS SIR  
**Cc:** (b) (7)(E) -CBP  
**Subject:** Media Interest - TCA - (b) (7)(E)  
**Date:** Friday, November 18, 2016 12:23:09 AM  
**Attachments:** [Media Interest \(b\) \(7\)\(E\) .pdf](#)

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On November 17, 2016, at approximately 1410 hours (MST), a (b) (7)(E) Station Border Patrol Agent responded to a report of an illegal alien by an Arizona Border Recon member near (b) (7)(E) AZ.

The Arizona Border Recon member was being accompanied by a cameraman and news anchor from Univision.

The subject was determined to be a citizen of Mexico and will be processed per Tucson Sector guidelines.

Appropriate notifications and documentation was completed.

(b) (7)(E)

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**  
**U.S. Customs and Border Protection**  
**SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT REPORT**

RESTRICTIONS: None			
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	PERSON MAKING REPORT: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)		
	OFFICE PHONE: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	CELL PHONE: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	FAX NUMBER:
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NUMBER OF ARRESTS:		MALE:	FEMALE: CITIZENSHIP:
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7. NATIONAL TARGETING CENTER NUMBERS:			
8. MEDIA INTEREST EXPECTED:			
9. RELATED INCIDENTS:			

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# SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT REPORT

## Continuation Sheet

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DATE OF INCIDENT: 11/17/2016	LOCATION OF INCIDENT:	SIR NUMBER:
TIME OF INCIDENT: 2:10 PM	(b) (7)(E) AZ	(b) (7)(E)

<p><b>Synopsis: (cont.):</b></p> <p>On November 17, 2016, at 2:10 p.m., an Arizona Border Recon member, identified only as (b) (6), (b) (7)(E) called the (b) (7)(E) Border Patrol Station claiming she found an illegal alien approximately one quarter mile east of the (b) (7)(E) school, near (b) (7)(E) Arizona. (b) (6), (b) (7)(E) further advised that she was traveling with a cameraman and news anchor from Univision.</p> <p>Border Patrol Agent (BPA) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was dispatched to the area and arrived approximately 20 minutes later. Upon arrival, BPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) encountered (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), a Caucasian female identified as (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and an unidentified Univision cameraman. The subjects stated that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) approached them as they were filming in the area and asked them for water. They inquired as to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) destination, to which BPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) responded that he would be transported to (b) (7)(E) and would be provided medical care if necessary.</p> <p>BPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated that the entire encounter was filmed by the Univision cameraman.</p> <p>At 2:37 p.m., BPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) left the area and met with Acting Supervisory Border Patrol Agent (ASBPA) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), who is an EMT. ASBPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) assessed (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) medical condition and determined that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was not in need of medical assistance. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) is being transported to the (b) (7)(E) for processing.</p> <p>(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated that he did not wish to seek medical attention and when asked, stated that he was not held against his will while waiting for the Border Patrol.</p> <p>Coordinates: (b) (7)(E)</p> <p>(b) (7)(E) Station (b) (7)(E)</p> <p>National Tracking# (b) (7)(E)</p> <p>No further updates anticipated.</p> <p>(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Acting Watch Commander (b) (7)(E) Station Office (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Cell (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)</p> <p><b>(cont.):</b></p> <p><b>Sexual Abuse/Assault Information</b></p>
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**From:** [CHAVEZ, FELIX](#)  
**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** RE: Daily Media Summary - May 20, 2018  
**Date:** Monday, May 21, 2018 9:37:54 AM  
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I love you man....just food for thought....

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Monday, May 21, 2018 1:41:23 PM  
**To:** CHAVEZ, FELIX  
**Subject:** RE: Daily Media Summary - May 20, 2018

Well, good morning...grumpy

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**From:** CHAVEZ, FELIX  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 20, 2018 7:28 PM  
**To:** (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
**Subject:** FW: Daily Media Summary - May 20, 2018

Both you and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) can apparently be accused of stating the border is open....come on in? maybe a better message should be framed?

- , "Laredo is a prime target for these ruthless smugglers because of our sector's shortage of manpower and the lack of a physical barrier

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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**From:** Media Analyst (General) (b) (7)(E)  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 20, 2018 7:16 AM  
**To:** Media Analyst (General) (b) (7)(E)  
**Subject:** Daily Media Summary - May 20, 2018

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## Daily Media Summary May 20, 2018

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- *Breitbart* reported Border Patrol agents arrested eight more Bangladeshi

nationals trying to illegally cross the U.S.-Mexico border south of Laredo. According to U.S. BP agent Hector Garza, “Laredo is a prime target for these ruthless smugglers because of our sector’s shortage of manpower and the lack of a physical barrier.” According to *Breitbart*, agents have arrested more than 230 Bangladeshi nationals total, this fiscal year. This storyline was the second most shared URL and the second top retweet on Twitter.

- *KENS-TV* covered the Texas Border Volunteers, a group of armed volunteers who, “[work] hand-in-hand with...Border Patrol agents.” The group’s founder, Dr. Vickers stated the group, “[doesn’t] capture anybody, we don’t arrest anybody, we arrange for their capture,” by contacting local BP agents. *KENS-TV* tried to ask acting Border Patrol Chief Carla Provost if collaborating with militia groups helped or hindered the agency’s mission but was told it “was too local of a question for her to respond to.”
- Coverage of Jason Davis, the BP agent charged with “receipt of material containing or constituting child pornography,” sustained. Local outlet Illinois outlet Jacksonville-Journal Courier, local New Mexico outlets Artesia Daily Press and Santa Fe New Mexican reprinted an Associated Press article. Local New Mexico outlet KRQE-TV also reported on the storyline.

## TOP NEWS

### **1. Border Patrol Agents Bust 8 More Bangladeshis at Texas Border**

(Breitbart; 19.1M uvm) ... Bob Price

Laredo Sector Border Patrol agents arrested eight more Bangladeshi nationals after they illegally crossed the border in south Laredo. The arrests occurred in an area where agents arrested more than 230 Bangladeshis this fiscal year. “They are not trying to hide or escape,” Laredo Sector Assistant Chief Patrol Agent Gabriel Acosta told *Breitbart Texas* in a phone interview. “They walk right up to an agent and claim ‘credible fear.’” The Laredo Sector accounts for more than 60 percent of Bangladeshi nationals arrested along the entire southwest border with Mexico, Acosta explained. “They are paying more than \$25,000 to the smugglers to be transported through Mexico into Texas.”... “Laredo is a prime target for these ruthless smugglers because of our sector’s shortage of manpower and the lack of a physical barrier,” U.S. Border Patrol Agent Hector Garza explained in an interview with *Breitbart Texas* on Thursday. “We have 170 miles of river border with Mexico. Not one mile of that border has a physical barrier. We are wide open for these drug and human smugglers.”

### **2. Militia say they help Border Patrol catch immigrants in South Texas ranch lands**

(KENS-TV; 446k uvm; San Antonio, TX) ... Oscar Margain

**VIDEO:** About five miles north of the nearest Border Patrol checkpoint in Falfurrias, Texas, and 75 miles north of the border with Mexico, is the Vickers Ranch. It’s a 1,000-acre property home to Dr. Mike Vickers, a local veterinarian. Dr. Vickers is one of the original founders of the Texas Border Volunteers, which broke off from the Texas Minutemen Militia about 13 years ago. The TVB is comprised of more than 300 citizen soldiers. About two dozen members meet once or twice a month at the Vickers

Ranch to conduct what they call “border watches.”... “We have agreements with the individual ranchers to go out to their private property, and with that comes responsibility on our part to do things correctly,” Boles said. “We’re not cops. We don’t capture anybody, we don’t arrest anybody, we arrange for their capture.” These armed volunteers are organized in response to what they consider a lack of federal resources, to stem the flow of undocumented immigrants through their ranchlands... “Border Patrol does not have the resources to come out here and watch these trails, and that’s what we do. We fill a void that they can’t fill,” Dr. Vickers said. “This has evolved over all these years, working hand-in-hand with these Border Patrol agents.” We tried asking the acting Border Patrol Chief Carla Provost if collaborating with militia groups helps or hinders the agency’s mission but were cut off and told it was too local of a question for her to respond to.

**3. Border Patrol supervisor allegedly uploaded child porn**  
(KRQE-TV; 441k uvm; Albuquerque, NM)

A Border Patrol supervisor in New Mexico has been arrested for child pornography. Jason Christopher Davis, a 45-year-old from Las Cruces was booked into jail Wednesday. According to a criminal complaint, officials caught Davis after he allegedly used an email to upload a video file containing child porn last month. Davis made his first appearance in federal court Friday.

**4. Border Patrol supervisor arrested in child porn case**  
(Associated Press)

U.S. prosecutors in New Mexico say a supervisory U.S. Border Patrol agent is being held in a federal child pornography case. The office says 45-year-old Jason Christopher Davis of Las Cruces made his first federal court appearance Friday on a criminal complaint charging him with receipt of material containing or constituting child pornography. Davis is in federal custody pending a preliminary hearing and detention hearing Wednesday. The public defender who has been appointed to represent him did not immediately respond to a request for comment. The criminal complaint says Davis is suspected of receiving child pornography in April. It says Las Cruces police executed a search warrant on an email account linked to Davis.

## NEWS INDEX

### BORDER SECURITY

#### *Along U.S. Borders*

**5. El Paso woman living in Montana detained by Border Patrol for speaking Spanish**  
(KVIA-TV; 532k uvm; El Paso, TX) ... Jerry Najera

In a video making the rounds on social media, a Border Patrol agent in the state of Montana detained an El Paso woman and her friend for speaking Spanish...The

video that surfaced this week has many questioning his actions. It happened in the state of Montana and the woman who was detained was born in El Paso. "I needed some eggs and my friend needed some milk for her daughter and we decided to go there," Ana Suda said. Suda, who was born in El Paso and raised in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, says she and a friend were at a convenience store and about to pay for their items. "I was next in line when I heard my friend say something in Spanish and then I looked and it was this Border Patrol behind me," Suda said. Suda told ABC-7 the agent stopped them in their tracks. "He asked where I was born, so I looked at him and I said, 'Are you serious?' He's, like, 'Yes, I'm serious,' but, you know, with a very authoritative voice," Suda said.

#### **6. Dozens Arrive at Nogales Border to Seek Asylum**

(Arizona Public Media; 31k uvm)

**VIDEO:** This week dozens of immigrants from Central America walked up to the Dennis DeConcini Port of Entry in Nogales and requested asylum. The men, women and children said they did not travel with an organized caravan. Kendal Blust, a reporter for the Nogales International, was among the first to report their stories. She told Lorraine Rivera what she learned about their reasons for seeking asylum and their plans after arriving at the border. In a statement to Arizona 360, Customs and Border Protection said the Department of Homeland Security does not "currently have a policy of separating families at the border for deterrence purposes."

### **TRADE**

#### **7. China Rejects U.S. Target for Narrowing Trade Gap**

(Wall Street Journal; 43.6M uvm) ... Bob Davis and Lingling Wei

A last-ditch effort by the Trump administration failed to get China to accept its demand for a \$200 billion cut in the U.S. bilateral trade deficit, as Chinese officials resisted committing to any specific targets after two days of contentious negotiations. The two days of deliberations in Washington ended with both sides arguing all night on Friday over what to say in a joint statement, people briefed on the matter said. The Chinese had come willing to step up purchases of U.S. merchandise as a measure to narrow China's \$375 billion trade advantage. But U.S. negotiators pushed the Chinese delegates to approve a specific target of \$200 billion in additional Chinese purchases. The Chinese refused any such target in specific dollar amounts, and the matter is now in the hands of President Donald Trump and President Xi Jinping, the people said. The two sides released a joint statement shortly after the Chinese delegation was scheduled to return home, but it made no reference to the specific purchasing amounts that the U.S. had wanted. "Both sides agreed on meaningful increases in United States agriculture and energy exports," the statement said, adding that "the delegations also discussed expanding trade in manufactured goods and services. There was consensus on the need to create favorable conditions to increase trade in these areas."

#### **8. U.S. and China Tout Trade Talks as Success, but Leave the Details for**

## **Later**

(New York Times; 29.8M uvm) ... Ana Swanson

China will increase its purchase of American goods and services in order to reduce the multibillion-dollar trade imbalance with the United States, the two countries said in a joint statement Saturday. How much the imbalance will be reduced remains to be seen. Trump administration officials had said during negotiations this week that China was prepared to make up to \$200 billion in additional purchases. Notably absent from Saturday's announcement were any dollar figures — or a sense of the scale of the agreed-upon increases. The White House said that China had committed to buying more agriculture and energy exports, but noted that American officials would at some point go to China to work out the details of their agreement. "To meet the growing consumption needs of the Chinese people and the need for high-quality economic development, China will significantly increase purchases of United States goods and services," said the statement. "This will help support growth and employment in the United States."

## **9. Norpac blasts bill to pause tariffs on Canadian newsprint**

(The Daily News; 197k uvm; Longview, WA) ... Zack Hale

Ten U.S. senators have backed a bill that would pause border taxes on Canadian newsprint imports enacted earlier this year at the request of the Norpac paper mill in Longview. Proponents of the bill argue it will offer a lifeline to the publishing industry, which has been hit by sharp increases in the cost of newsprint, a product Norpac manufactures. But opponents — including the CEO of the 350-employee Longview paper mill — say the bill would set a dangerous precedent for future investigations into allegations of unfair trade practices. The PRINT Act, introduced Monday by U.S. Sens. Susan Collins (R-Maine) and Angus King (I-Maine), would halt the collection of countervailing duties and antidumping duties on Canadian newsprint. At the same time, the bill would also direct the U.S. Department of Commerce to study the economic health of the printing and publishing industries. Uncoated groundwood paper — otherwise known as newsprint — is used by newspapers, book publishers and commercial printers.

## **WORKFORCE**

## **10. U.S. customs to hire dozens of officers as foreign travel surges at LAX**

(Los Angeles Times; 23.9M uvm) ... Hugo Martin

With international travel to Los Angeles continuing to grow, U.S. Customs and Border Protection is for the first time in 10 years accepting applications for dozens of new officers to work at Los Angeles International Airport. The number of customs officers working at LAX has diminished through normal attrition and those that remain are under increasing pressure to screen a surge in international travelers flying into LAX, said Claudia Canizalez, a representative for the agency. Under normal circumstances, she said, the federal agency hires new officers and assigns them primarily to work near the border in Texas, Arizona and Southern California. But now

new job applicants can specifically request to fill one of several dozen openings at LAX, Canizalez said. "We need the help," she said of staffing at LAX. "We definitely need the help."

### **11. Border Patrol Agent Sentenced for Helping Smuggle Drugs**

(Breitbart; 19.1M uvm) ... Bob Price

A federal judge in Arizona sentenced a former Border Patrol to seven and a half years in prison for his role in helping smuggle marijuana into Arizona. The agent received bribes for assisting in the smuggling effort. The judge sentenced Alberto Michel, 41, to spend 90 months in prison after he and two other men agreed to smuggle drugs into the U.S. from Mexico last year, AZ Central reported. Agent Michel began serving in the Border Patrol in 2009. He admitted to investigators that he provided counter-surveillance during smuggling operations utilizing information he obtained as an Intelligence Unit agent, the Arizona news outlet reported. The former agents also passed along information to the smugglers about "law enforcement interdiction practices" and how to thwart those practices. In exchange for the intelligence information, the agents received about two payments of \$12,000 each, according to the plea agreement. This amounted to about \$40 per pound of the smuggled marijuana.

## **OPINION**

### **12. America's 150-Year Opioid Epidemic**

(New York Times; 29.8M uvm) ... Clinton Lawson

In researching opium addiction in late-19th-century America, I've come across countless stories like Henderson's. What is striking is how, aside from some Victorian-era moralizing, they feel so familiar to a 21st-century reader: Henderson developed an addiction at a vulnerable point in her life, found doctors who enabled it and then self-destructed. She was just one of thousands of Americans who lost their lives to addiction between the 1870s and the 1920s. The late-19th-century opiate epidemic was nearly identical to the one now spreading across the United States. Back then, doctors began to prescribe a profitable and effective drug — morphine, taken via hypodermic needle — too liberally. After a decade of overprescribing it for minor ailments and even for issues related to mental illness, a colony of American junkies began to emerge. Most started out like Ella Henderson, who suffered from emotional trauma and chronic pain, for which she was prescribed copious amounts of morphine. She became addicted, was abandoned by the medical community and judged by her neighbors, and ultimately overdosed alone in her room. Her case mirrors the thousands of fentanyl and heroin overdoses that led President Trump in October to declare opioid abuse a public health emergency... In the case of the opioid epidemic, history is literally repeating itself. Once again, too many Americans are dying of drug overdoses, and too many already vulnerable communities are being torn apart. Like our predecessors at the turn of the last century, we are asking what can be done to change the situation. Unlike them, we already know the answers. They solved the quandary for us.



### **13. California's illegal immigration fight is back, and so are the political pitfalls for Republicans**

(Los Angeles Times; 23.9M uvm) ... John Myers

Few topics have been as incendiary in California as illegal immigration, with intense arguments about whether those who cross borders are a reminder of the American dream or a sign of its demise. Those past debates — most visible during elections in 1994 and 2010 — may offer some insight into the issue's political rewards and risks. For starters, neither effort sprang from measurable public anger. In 1993, a Los Angeles Times poll found only 2% of voters surveyed cited immigration as the state's top problem. Jobs and the economy were more pressing, they said. Nor were things boiling over in late 2009, when 3% of respondents picked illegal immigration as the biggest problem in a poll by the Public Policy Institute of California. And yet Republican leaders of the time insisted otherwise... Fast forward to May 2016, just before the state's current debate, and a remarkably similar snapshot: Only 6% of likely voters in a PPIC poll saw illegal immigration as the biggest issue. Five times as many said it was jobs and the economy. More than a dozen California Republicans suggested otherwise when they sounded the alarm on illegal immigration last week with President Trump. "It is a crisis — that's the point we're at in California," Assemblywoman Melissa Melendez (R-Lake Elsinore) said at a White House meeting, with Trump sitting next to her and nodding in agreement. Statistics from U.S. Customs and Border Protection suggest otherwise. When comparing the past seven months to the same time period in 2017, there's been no growth in the total number of adults and families detained along California's portion of the border. The only growth — and it's been sizable — is in the number of unaccompanied children crossing.

### **14. Abandoning NAFTA would be catastrophic for state economies**

(The Hill; 11.9M uvm; Washington, D.C.) ... Karla Jones

The economic future of the United States, especially as it relates to free and open trade with our two biggest trading partners, Canada and Mexico, depends in large part on the outcome of the Trump administration's renegotiation of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). That is why 13 state lawmakers from across the country have written a letter urging the president to reinforce America's commitment to this highly beneficial trade agreement. There can be no doubt that NAFTA has benefitted the national economy in the 24 years since its adoption. NAFTA has generated greater economic activity by American businesses and has reduced the prices that Americans pay for the goods that they buy every day... States have been major beneficiaries, too, with Canada and Mexico ranking among the top three trading partners for all but one of the 50 states. The crucial role that NAFTA has played in linking American businesses of all sizes with new markets is just one reason state lawmakers are vocally supporting the preservation of the agreement.

## **IMMIGRATION**

### **15. Ann Coulter on the status of Trump's immigration agenda**

(FOX News; 32.5M uvm)

**VIDEO:** Media distort President Trump's 'animal' comment in reference to MS-13. Columnist sounds off.

**16. Parents, children ensnared in 'zero-tolerance' border prosecutions**

(Arizona Daily Star; 431k uvm; Tucson, AZ) ... Curt Prendergast and Perla Trevizo

Alma Jacinto covered her eyes with her hands as tears streamed down her cheeks. The 36-year-old from Guatemala was led out of the federal courtroom without an answer to the question that brought her to tears: When would she see her boys again? Jacinto wore a yellow bracelet on her left wrist, which defense lawyers said identifies parents who are arrested with their children and prosecuted in Operation Streamline, a fast-track program for illegal border crossers... Parents who cross the border illegally with their children may face criminal charges as federal prosecutors in Tucson follow through on a recent directive from Attorney General Jeff Sessions to prosecute all valid cases, said U.S. Attorney's Office spokesman Cosme Lopez. U.S. Customs and Border Protection started referring families caught crossing illegally for prosecution several weeks ago, Lopez said. Those prosecutions unfold both in Streamline cases and through individual prosecutions.

**DHS NEWS**

**17. Donald Trump's border chief Kirstjen Nielsen risks axe over lack of wall**

(The Sunday Times; United Kingdom) ... Toby Harnden

Under fire from the right for his failure to curb illegal immigration and to build a wall on the Mexican border, President Donald Trump is poised to sack his homeland security chief, according to Republican sources. Kirstjen Nielsen was appointed to lead the department in charge of immigration enforcement just five months ago, but has struggled to manage the sprawling agency and has come to be viewed with intense suspicion by Trump, the sources say. At a cabinet meeting this month, he is said to have thundered at Nielsen: "Why don't you have solutions? How is this still happening? We need to shut it down. We're closed." Trump is furious that illegal immigration has risen this year. He outraged pro-immigration activists last week by saying...

**OF INTEREST**

**18. Mexican presidential candidate vows to fire back at Trump's 'offensive' tweets**

(The Hill; 11.9M uvm; Washington, D.C.) ... Morgan Gstalter

A leading candidate in Mexico's presidential race vowed to fire back at President Trump if he continues to insult Mexico on Twitter, Yahoo News reported. "If he makes

an offensive tweet, I'm going to take responsibility for answering him," Andrés Manuel López Obrador said Friday. Trump has regularly attacked Mexico in speeches and on Twitter since he launched his presidential campaign in 2015. López Obrador, the former mayor of Mexico City, said Trump needs to respect Mexican people. "I think (Trump) is going to understand he has to get himself under control, that he can't go around offending the Mexican people. We don't want confrontations with him, but we are going to ask him to respect us," he said during a campaign rally.

### **19. Is the term 'tonc' an acronym or a derogatory term for migrants?**

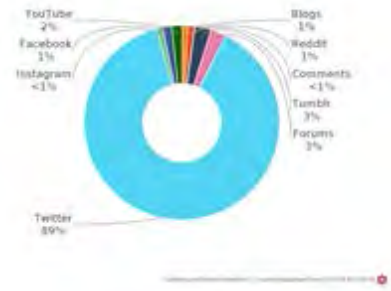
(Arizona Republic; 10.8M uvm; Phoenix, AZ) ... Daniel González and Rafael Carranza

"Toncs in the barn." A Border Patrol agent texted that message on Jan. 17, moments before agents, assisted by Pima County sheriff's deputies, swarmed a building in Ajo known as "the Barn" in southwestern Arizona... The term "tonc" is not a well-known, but the text suggest the term is routinely used by Border Patrol agents. But what does "tonc" mean? Is it simply an acronym, as some say? Or is it a derogatory slur used by Border Patrol agents to refer negatively to immigrants in the country illegally? It's unclear whether the term "tonc" — which sometimes is also spelled "tonk" — is an official acronym or a derogatory slur for undocumented immigrants... "It is used to describe an individual who has not yet been intensively interviewed by the Border Patrol to determine his or her country of origin. ... Let me be very clear: 'Tonk' is not a term or racial derision; it is a temporary geographic description." a self-described retired Border Patrol agent who blogs anonymously under the name "Agent Nowhere Man," who says the term "Tonk" is an acronym that stands for "Territory of Origin Not Known." Border Patrol agent Chris Sullivan, a spokesman for the Border Patrol's Tucson Sector, which includes Ajo, said the agency could not comment because the term is part of an ongoing court case... Another person who identified himself as a Border Patrol agent on the online forum Reddit said the term is commonly used, after a reader asked if he ever uses the word "tonk." "It's a common term. And really it's 'tonc' and it originated from the acronym Temporarily Outside Native Country. In response to another question, however, the agent gives a different answer. "Read an article online saying border patrol agents nickname illegals 'tonks' because 'that's the sound a maglite flashlight makes when it (hits) the back of their head.' How accurate is this?" the agent is asked... The agent responds, "we don't carry the big maglites anymore, now we carry smaller 'Stingers' ... not tonks anymore, now they're 'tinks'."

## **SOCIAL MEDIA ANALYSIS**

### **Overall**

- Social Media increased by 7%, up to 4,106 total posts. Twitter comprised 89% of total posts.
- The top shared URL (774 shares) linked to a May 15 *CNN* article, "Border Patrol failed to count hundreds of migrant deaths on US soil."
- The second top shared URL (303 shares)



linked to the *Breitbart* article, “Border Patrol Agents Bust 8 More Bangladeshis at Texas Border.”

## Twitter



- @kylegriffin1 posted a link to the May 15 *CNN* article, “Border Patrol failed to count hundreds of migrant deaths on US soil.” The post was the top tweet, with 911 retweets, 923 likes, and 23 replies.

Figure 1 - Social Media Posts by Platform



- @THETXEMBASSY posted a link to the *Breitbart* article, “Border Patrol Agents Bust 8 More Bangladeshis at Texas Border.” The post was the second top tweet, with 113 retweets, 97 likes, and 3 replies.

## Other Platforms



- INSTAGRAM: Instagram post by user k9graf (1,182 followers), a BP K9, “standing guard,” at a wire fence. The post mentioned the white Winnebago in the background and referenced the tv series “Breaking Bad.” The post garnered 171 likes.

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From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
To: (b) (7)(E)  
Subject: (b) (7)(E) Minuteman Encounter  
Date: Friday, October 20, 2017 6:19:00 PM

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SUBJECT: (b) (7)(E) : Minuteman Encounter

On October 20, 2017, at approximately 12:15 PM, the duty supervisor of the (b) (7)(E) Station was notified that a “Minuteman” had been encountered near (b) (7)(E) near the City of (b) (7)(E) Border Patrol Agents were conducting patrol duties on (b) (7)(E) south of (b) (7)(E) when they encountered a 2002 Chevrolet Express (Van) bearing Iowa license plate number (b) (6). The driver and registered owner of the vehicle was identified as (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). Mr. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated that he was a member of the Minutemen Defense Corps. Mr. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated that he was armed and he would report any suspicious activity to authorities.

GPS Coordinated: (b) (7)(E)

Acting Watch Commander (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was notified of this incident.

**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**To:** CHAVEZ, FELIX; (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
**Subject:** FW: (b) (7)(E) Militia in the (b) (7)(E) Area of Operation  
**Date:** Thursday, March 23, 2017 9:41:38 AM

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(b) (7)(E) is on top of this - (b) (7)(E) are also on board. This groups frequents the area. The station will maintain comms with the group while in the area and (b) (7)(E). The group will call the (b) (7)(E) if they spot any suspicious activity.

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**From:** (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 22, 2017 9:19:08 PM  
**To:** (b) (7)(E) MAILING LIST  
**Subject:** RE: (b) (7)(E) Militia in the (b) (7)(E) Area of Operation

\*\*\*\*\*Update\*\*\*\*\*

On March 22, 2017 at approximately 5:00 p.m., (A) Watch Commander ((A)WC) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) made contact with the group known as the "Three Percenter" militia group at their campsite on (b) (7)(E). (A)WC (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) provided the group with the phone number to the (b) (7)(E) Station (b) (7)(E). All members present with the exception of the two woman, were dressed in military style fatigues and most were carrying side arms in plain view. At the camp there were 9 vehicles parked in the area and the members were in the process of setting up tents. One of the members of the advance party, known only as (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (unknown if this is his real name or a pseudonym) advised that they were expecting a large group to attend, he estimated at least 40 people with the possibility of up to 100. (b) (6) advised that they were planning on calling the Border Patrol if they observed anything they suspected was illegal. (b) (6) advised that most of the members are former combat veterans from recent conflicts and were aware of and would be employing military style tactics. He advised they would utilize and provide to the Border Patrol, GPS coordinates for anything they observed and private two way radios would be used for communications amongst the members of the group. (b) (6) further advised they were planning on staying approximately one week and they would not interfere with Border Patrol operations but wanted to assist the Border Patrol in any way they could. (b) (6) mentioned that this was his fifth time to participate in this style event in this area. He also stated that many of the members who were planning to attend had been in the area previous years as well for similar events and were familiar with the area due to these previous visits.

V/R

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(A)Watch Commander

(b) (7)(E) Station

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 22, 2017 10:52 AM  
**To:** (b) (7)(E) MAILING LIST <(b) (7)(E)>

**Subject:** (b) (7)(E) Militia in the (b) (7)(E) Area of Operation

On March 22, 2017, at approximately 9:35 a.m. (b) (7)(E) Border Patrol Agent (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) reported the presence of the “Three Percenter” militia group in the (b) (7)(E) Area of Operation (b) (7)(E)/AOR). Agent (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) encounter one individual named “(b) (6)” with two others, all were armed with both pistols and rifles and claimed to be an advanced scouting party for a larger contingent. The three individuals indicated that approximately forty additional members were to arrive on March 23<sup>rd</sup> and intended to remain in the area for approximately ten days. The group will set up a campsite at the south entrance to (b) (7)(E). Their intent will be to set up multiple LP/OP sites throughout the area and to report any illicit activity to the appropriate law enforcement agency. Their anticipated area of focus will be (b) (7)(E) in the (b) (7)(E)/AOR.

The (b) (7)(E) stations were notified.

(A)WC (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was notified in person.

DPAIC (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was notified in person.

PAIC (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was notified electronically.



**From:** [PADILLA, MANUEL JR](#)  
**To:** [CHAVEZ, FELIX](#)  
**Cc:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** RE: Daily Media Summary - May 20, 2018  
**Date:** Sunday, May 20, 2018 8:55:52 PM  
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Thanks! (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) filled me in. I am telling you, everything is TUCSON deja vu - the silly militia are minutemen wannabes

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**From:** CHAVEZ, FELIX  
**Sent:** Monday, May 21, 2018 1:38:34 AM  
**To:** PADILLA, MANUEL JR  
**Cc:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** FW: Daily Media Summary - May 20, 2018

Chief

Did (b) (6), (b) (7) brief you back on the (b) (7)(E) technology? Apparently its (b) (7)(E) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) thinks it is the solution....i tried to explain to him there is no silver bullet. (b) (7)(E) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) ....beyond that, I am not convinced....the (b) (7)(E) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) i will send you the email (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) sent so you can see the powerpoint they presented....

as an aside.....Interesting comment by Chief Provost:

- *KENS-TV* covered the Texas Border Volunteers, a group of armed volunteers who, “[work] hand-in-hand with...Border Patrol agents.” The group’s founder, Dr. Vickers stated the group, “[doesn’t] capture anybody, we don’t arrest anybody, we arrange for their capture,” by contacting local BP agents. *KENS-TV* tried to ask acting Border Patrol Chief Carla Provost if collaborating with militia groups helped or hindered the agency’s mission but was told it “was too local of a question for her to respond to.”

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**From:** Media Analyst (General) [mailto:(b) (7)(E)]  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 20, 2018 7:16 AM  
**To:** Media Analyst (General) (b) (7)(E)  
**Subject:** Daily Media Summary - May 20, 2018

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## Daily Media Summary

### May 20, 2018

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- *Breitbart* reported Border Patrol agents arrested eight more Bangladeshi nationals trying to illegally cross the U.S.-Mexico border south of Laredo. According to U.S. BP agent Hector Garza, “Laredo is a prime target for these ruthless smugglers because of our sector’s shortage of manpower and the lack of a physical barrier.” According to *Breitbart*, agents have arrested more than 230 Bangladeshi nationals total, this fiscal year. This storyline was the second most shared URL and the second top retweet on Twitter.
- *KENS-TV* covered the Texas Border Volunteers, a group of armed volunteers who, “[work] hand-in-hand with...Border Patrol agents.” The group’s founder, Dr. Vickers stated the group, “[doesn’t] capture anybody, we don’t arrest anybody, we arrange for their capture,” by contacting local BP agents. *KENS-TV* tried to ask acting Border Patrol Chief Carla Provost if collaborating with militia groups helped or hindered the agency’s mission but was told it “was too local of a question for her to respond to.”
- Coverage of Jason Davis, the BP agent charged with “receipt of material containing or constituting child pornography,” sustained. Local outlet Illinois outlet Jacksonville-Journal Courier, local New Mexico outlets Artesia Daily Press and Santa Fe New Mexican reprinted an Associated Press article. Local New Mexico outlet KRQE-TV also reported on the storyline.

#### TOP NEWS

1. **Border Patrol Agents Bust 8 More Bangladeshis at Texas Border**  
(Breitbart; 19.1M uvm) ... Bob Price

Laredo Sector Border Patrol agents arrested eight more Bangladeshi nationals after they illegally crossed the border in south Laredo. The arrests occurred in an area where agents arrested more than 230 Bangladeshis this fiscal year. “They are not trying to hide or escape,” Laredo Sector Assistant Chief Patrol Agent Gabriel Acosta told *Breitbart Texas* in a phone interview. “They walk right up to an agent and claim ‘credible fear.’” The Laredo Sector accounts for more than 60 percent of Bangladeshi nationals arrested along the entire southwest border with Mexico, Acosta explained. “They are paying more than \$25,000 to the smugglers to be transported through Mexico into Texas.”... “Laredo is a prime target for these ruthless smugglers because of our sector’s shortage of manpower and the lack of a physical barrier,” U.S. Border Patrol Agent Hector Garza explained in an interview with *Breitbart Texas* on Thursday. “We have 170 miles of river border with Mexico. Not one mile of that border has a physical barrier. We are wide open for these drug and human smugglers.”

2. **Militia say they help Border Patrol catch immigrants in South Texas ranch lands**  
(KENS-TV; 446k uvm; San Antonio, TX) ... Oscar Margain

**VIDEO:** About five miles north of the nearest Border Patrol checkpoint in Falfurrias,

Texas, and 75 miles north of the border with Mexico, is the Vickers Ranch. It's a 1,000-acre property home to Dr. Mike Vickers, a local veterinarian. Dr. Vickers is one of the original founders of the Texas Border Volunteers, which broke off from the Texas Minutemen Militia about 13 years ago. The TVB is comprised of more than 300 citizen soldiers. About two dozen members meet once or twice a month at the Vickers Ranch to conduct what they call "border watches."... "We have agreements with the individual ranchers to go out to their private property, and with that comes responsibility on our part to do things correctly," Boles said. "We're not cops. We don't capture anybody, we don't arrest anybody, we arrange for their capture." These armed volunteers are organized in response to what they consider a lack of federal resources, to stem the flow of undocumented immigrants through their ranchlands... "Border Patrol does not have the resources to come out here and watch these trails, and that's what we do. We fill a void that they can't fill," Dr. Vickers said. "This has evolved over all these years, working hand-in-hand with these Border Patrol agents." We tried asking the acting Border Patrol Chief Carla Provost if collaborating with militia groups helps or hinders the agency's mission but were cut off and told it was too local of a question for her to respond to.

**3. Border Patrol supervisor allegedly uploaded child porn**  
(KRQE-TV; 441k uvm; Albuquerque, NM)

A Border Patrol supervisor in New Mexico has been arrested for child pornography. Jason Christopher Davis, a 45-year-old from Las Cruces was booked into jail Wednesday. According to a criminal complaint, officials caught Davis after he allegedly used an email to upload a video file containing child porn last month. Davis made his first appearance in federal court Friday.

**4. Border Patrol supervisor arrested in child porn case**  
(Associated Press)

U.S. prosecutors in New Mexico say a supervisory U.S. Border Patrol agent is being held in a federal child pornography case. The office says 45-year-old Jason Christopher Davis of Las Cruces made his first federal court appearance Friday on a criminal complaint charging him with receipt of material containing or constituting child pornography. Davis is in federal custody pending a preliminary hearing and detention hearing Wednesday. The public defender who has been appointed to represent him did not immediately respond to a request for comment. The criminal complaint says Davis is suspected of receiving child pornography in April. It says Las Cruces police executed a search warrant on an email account linked to Davis.

## NEWS INDEX

### BORDER SECURITY

*Along U.S. Borders*

**5. El Paso woman living in Montana detained by Border Patrol for speaking**

## **Spanish**

(KVIA-TV; 532k uvm; El Paso, TX) ... Jerry Najera

In a video making the rounds on social media, a Border Patrol agent in the state of Montana detained an El Paso woman and her friend for speaking Spanish...The video that surfaced this week has many questioning his actions. It happened in the state of Montana and the woman who was detained was born in El Paso. "I needed some eggs and my friend needed some milk for her daughter and we decided to go there," Ana Suda said. Suda, who was born in El Paso and raised in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, says she and a friend were at a convenience store and about to pay for their items. "I was next in line when I heard my friend say something in Spanish and then I looked and it was this Border Patrol behind me," Suda said. Suda told ABC-7 the agent stopped them in their tracks. "He asked where I was born, so I looked at him and I said, 'Are you serious?' He's, like, 'Yes, I'm serious,' but, you know, with a very authoritative voice," Suda said.

### **6. Dozens Arrive at Nogales Border to Seek Asylum**

(Arizona Public Media; 31k uvm)

**VIDEO:** This week dozens of immigrants from Central America walked up to the Dennis DeConcini Port of Entry in Nogales and requested asylum. The men, women and children said they did not travel with an organized caravan. Kendal Blust, a reporter for the Nogales International, was among the first to report their stories. She told Lorraine Rivera what she learned about their reasons for seeking asylum and their plans after arriving at the border. In a statement to Arizona 360, Customs and Border Protection said the Department of Homeland Security does not "currently have a policy of separating families at the border for deterrence purposes."

## **TRADE**

### **7. China Rejects U.S. Target for Narrowing Trade Gap**

(Wall Street Journal; 43.6M uvm) ... Bob Davis and Lingling Wei

A last-ditch effort by the Trump administration failed to get China to accept its demand for a \$200 billion cut in the U.S. bilateral trade deficit, as Chinese officials resisted committing to any specific targets after two days of contentious negotiations. The two days of deliberations in Washington ended with both sides arguing all night on Friday over what to say in a joint statement, people briefed on the matter said. The Chinese had come willing to step up purchases of U.S. merchandise as a measure to narrow China's \$375 billion trade advantage. But U.S. negotiators pushed the Chinese delegates to approve a specific target of \$200 billion in additional Chinese purchases. The Chinese refused any such target in specific dollar amounts, and the matter is now in the hands of President Donald Trump and President Xi Jinping, the people said. The two sides released a joint statement shortly after the Chinese delegation was scheduled to return home, but it made no reference to the specific purchasing amounts that the U.S. had wanted. "Both sides agreed on meaningful increases in United States agriculture and energy exports," the statement said,

adding that “the delegations also discussed expanding trade in manufactured goods and services. There was consensus on the need to create favorable conditions to increase trade in these areas.”

#### **8. U.S. and China Tout Trade Talks as Success, but Leave the Details for Later**

(New York Times; 29.8M uvm) ... Ana Swanson

China will increase its purchase of American goods and services in order to reduce the multibillion-dollar trade imbalance with the United States, the two countries said in a joint statement Saturday. How much the imbalance will be reduced remains to be seen. Trump administration officials had said during negotiations this week that China was prepared to make up to \$200 billion in additional purchases. Notably absent from Saturday’s announcement were any dollar figures — or a sense of the scale of the agreed-upon increases. The White House said that China had committed to buying more agriculture and energy exports, but noted that American officials would at some point go to China to work out the details of their agreement. “To meet the growing consumption needs of the Chinese people and the need for high-quality economic development, China will significantly increase purchases of United States goods and services,” said the statement. “This will help support growth and employment in the United States.”

#### **9. Norpac blasts bill to pause tariffs on Canadian newsprint**

(The Daily News; 197k uvm; Longview, WA) ... Zack Hale

Ten U.S. senators have backed a bill that would pause border taxes on Canadian newsprint imports enacted earlier this year at the request of the Norpac paper mill in Longview. Proponents of the bill argue it will offer a lifeline to the publishing industry, which has been hit by sharp increases in the cost of newsprint, a product Norpac manufactures. But opponents — including the CEO of the 350-employee Longview paper mill — say the bill would set a dangerous precedent for future investigations into allegations of unfair trade practices. The PRINT Act, introduced Monday by U.S. Sens. Susan Collins (R-Maine) and Angus King (I-Maine), would halt the collection of countervailing duties and antidumping duties on Canadian newsprint. At the same time, the bill would also direct the U.S. Department of Commerce to study the economic health of the printing and publishing industries. Uncoated groundwood paper — otherwise known as newsprint — is used by newspapers, book publishers and commercial printers.

## **WORKFORCE**

#### **10. U.S. customs to hire dozens of officers as foreign travel surges at LAX**

(Los Angeles Times; 23.9M uvm) ... Hugo Martin

With international travel to Los Angeles continuing to grow, U.S. Customs and Border Protection is for the first time in 10 years accepting applications for dozens of new officers to work at Los Angeles International Airport. The number of customs officers

working at LAX has diminished through normal attrition and those that remain are under increasing pressure to screen a surge in international travelers flying into LAX, said Claudia Canizalez, a representative for the agency. Under normal circumstances, she said, the federal agency hires new officers and assigns them primarily to work near the border in Texas, Arizona and Southern California. But now new job applicants can specifically request to fill one of several dozen openings at LAX, Canizalez said. "We need the help," she said of staffing at LAX. "We definitely need the help."

### **11. Border Patrol Agent Sentenced for Helping Smuggle Drugs**

(Breitbart; 19.1M uvm) ... Bob Price

A federal judge in Arizona sentenced a former Border Patrol to seven and a half years in prison for his role in helping smuggle marijuana into Arizona. The agent received bribes for assisting in the smuggling effort. The judge sentenced Alberto Michel, 41, to spend 90 months in prison after he and two other men agreed to smuggle drugs into the U.S. from Mexico last year, AZ Central reported. Agent Michel began serving in the Border Patrol in 2009. He admitted to investigators that he provided counter-surveillance during smuggling operations utilizing information he obtained as an Intelligence Unit agent, the Arizona news outlet reported. The former agents also passed along information to the smugglers about "law enforcement interdiction practices" and how to thwart those practices. In exchange for the intelligence information, the agents received about two payments of \$12,000 each, according to the plea agreement. This amounted to about \$40 per pound of the smuggled marijuana.

## **OPINION**

### **12. America's 150-Year Opioid Epidemic**

(New York Times; 29.8M uvm) ... Clinton Lawson

In researching opium addiction in late-19th-century America, I've come across countless stories like Henderson's. What is striking is how, aside from some Victorian-era moralizing, they feel so familiar to a 21st-century reader: Henderson developed an addiction at a vulnerable point in her life, found doctors who enabled it and then self-destructed. She was just one of thousands of Americans who lost their lives to addiction between the 1870s and the 1920s. The late-19th-century opiate epidemic was nearly identical to the one now spreading across the United States. Back then, doctors began to prescribe a profitable and effective drug — morphine, taken via hypodermic needle — too liberally. After a decade of overprescribing it for minor ailments and even for issues related to mental illness, a colony of American junkies began to emerge. Most started out like Ella Henderson, who suffered from emotional trauma and chronic pain, for which she was prescribed copious amounts of morphine. She became addicted, was abandoned by the medical community and judged by her neighbors, and ultimately overdosed alone in her room. Her case mirrors the thousands of fentanyl and heroin overdoses that led President Trump in October to declare opioid abuse a public health emergency... In the case of the



opioid epidemic, history is literally repeating itself. Once again, too many Americans are dying of drug overdoses, and too many already vulnerable communities are being torn apart. Like our predecessors at the turn of the last century, we are asking what can be done to change the situation. Unlike them, we already know the answers. They solved the quandary for us.

### **13. California's illegal immigration fight is back, and so are the political pitfalls for Republicans**

(Los Angeles Times; 23.9M uvm) ... John Myers

Few topics have been as incendiary in California as illegal immigration, with intense arguments about whether those who cross borders are a reminder of the American dream or a sign of its demise. Those past debates — most visible during elections in 1994 and 2010 — may offer some insight into the issue's political rewards and risks. For starters, neither effort sprang from measurable public anger. In 1993, a Los Angeles Times poll found only 2% of voters surveyed cited immigration as the state's top problem. Jobs and the economy were more pressing, they said. Nor were things boiling over in late 2009, when 3% of respondents picked illegal immigration as the biggest problem in a poll by the Public Policy Institute of California. And yet Republican leaders of the time insisted otherwise... Fast forward to May 2016, just before the state's current debate, and a remarkably similar snapshot: Only 6% of likely voters in a PPIC poll saw illegal immigration as the biggest issue. Five times as many said it was jobs and the economy. More than a dozen California Republicans suggested otherwise when they sounded the alarm on illegal immigration last week with President Trump. "It is a crisis — that's the point we're at in California," Assemblywoman Melissa Melendez (R-Lake Elsinore) said at a White House meeting, with Trump sitting next to her and nodding in agreement. Statistics from U.S. Customs and Border Protection suggest otherwise. When comparing the past seven months to the same time period in 2017, there's been no growth in the total number of adults and families detained along California's portion of the border. The only growth — and it's been sizable — is in the number of unaccompanied children crossing.

### **14. Abandoning NAFTA would be catastrophic for state economies**

(The Hill; 11.9M uvm; Washington, D.C.) ... Karla Jones

The economic future of the United States, especially as it relates to free and open trade with our two biggest trading partners, Canada and Mexico, depends in large part on the outcome of the Trump administration's renegotiation of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). That is why 13 state lawmakers from across the country have written a letter urging the president to reinforce America's commitment to this highly beneficial trade agreement. There can be no doubt that NAFTA has benefitted the national economy in the 24 years since its adoption. NAFTA has generated greater economic activity by American businesses and has reduced the prices that Americans pay for the goods that they buy every day... States have been major beneficiaries, too, with Canada and Mexico ranking among the top three trading partners for all but one of the 50 states. The crucial role that NAFTA has played in linking American businesses of all sizes with new markets is just one reason

state lawmakers are vocally supporting the preservation of the agreement.

## **IMMIGRATION**

### **15. Ann Coulter on the status of Trump's immigration agenda**

(FOX News; 32.5M uvm)

**VIDEO:** Media distort President Trump's 'animal' comment in reference to MS-13. Columnist sounds off.

### **16. Parents, children ensnared in 'zero-tolerance' border prosecutions**

(Arizona Daily Star; 431k uvm; Tucson, AZ) ... Curt Prendergast and Perla Trevizo

Alma Jacinto covered her eyes with her hands as tears streamed down her cheeks. The 36-year-old from Guatemala was led out of the federal courtroom without an answer to the question that brought her to tears: When would she see her boys again? Jacinto wore a yellow bracelet on her left wrist, which defense lawyers said identifies parents who are arrested with their children and prosecuted in Operation Streamline, a fast-track program for illegal border crossers... Parents who cross the border illegally with their children may face criminal charges as federal prosecutors in Tucson follow through on a recent directive from Attorney General Jeff Sessions to prosecute all valid cases, said U.S. Attorney's Office spokesman Cosme Lopez. U.S. Customs and Border Protection started referring families caught crossing illegally for prosecution several weeks ago, Lopez said. Those prosecutions unfold both in Streamline cases and through individual prosecutions.

## **DHS NEWS**

### **17. Donald Trump's border chief Kirstjen Nielsen risks axe over lack of wall**

(The Sunday Times; United Kingdom) ... Toby Harnden

Under fire from the right for his failure to curb illegal immigration and to build a wall on the Mexican border, President Donald Trump is poised to sack his homeland security chief, according to Republican sources. Kirstjen Nielsen was appointed to lead the department in charge of immigration enforcement just five months ago, but has struggled to manage the sprawling agency and has come to be viewed with intense suspicion by Trump, the sources say. At a cabinet meeting this month, he is said to have thundered at Nielsen: "Why don't you have solutions? How is this still happening? We need to shut it down. We're closed." Trump is furious that illegal immigration has risen this year. He outraged pro-immigration activists last week by saying...

## **OF INTEREST**



## **18. Mexican presidential candidate vows to fire back at Trump's 'offensive' tweets**

(The Hill; 11.9M uvm; Washington, D.C.) ... Morgan Gstalter

A leading candidate in Mexico's presidential race vowed to fire back at President Trump if he continues to insult Mexico on Twitter, Yahoo News reported. "If he makes an offensive tweet, I'm going to take responsibility for answering him," Andrés Manuel López Obrador said Friday. Trump has regularly attacked Mexico in speeches and on Twitter since he launched his presidential campaign in 2015. López Obrador, the former mayor of Mexico City, said Trump needs to respect Mexican people. "I think (Trump) is going to understand he has to get himself under control, that he can't go around offending the Mexican people. We don't want confrontations with him, but we are going to ask him to respect us," he said during a campaign rally.

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(Arizona Republic; 10.8M uvm; Phoenix, AZ) ... Daniel González and Rafael Carranza

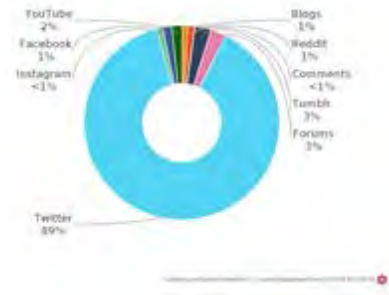
"Toncs in the barn." A Border Patrol agent texted that message on Jan. 17, moments before agents, assisted by Pima County sheriff's deputies, swarmed a building in Ajo known as "the Barn" in southwestern Arizona... The term "tonc" is not a well-known, but the text suggest the term is routinely used by Border Patrol agents. But what does "tonc" mean? Is it simply an acronym, as some say? Or is it a derogatory slur used by Border Patrol agents to refer negatively to immigrants in the country illegally? It's unclear whether the term "tonc" — which sometimes is also spelled "tonk" — is an official acronym or a derogatory slur for undocumented immigrants... "It is used to describe an individual who has not yet been intensively interviewed by the Border Patrol to determine his or her country of origin. ... Let me be very clear: 'Tonk' is not a term or racial derision; it is a temporary geographic description." a self-described retired Border Patrol agent who blogs anonymously under the name "Agent Nowhere Man," who says the term "Tonk" is an acronym that stands for "Territory of Origin Not Known." Border Patrol agent Chris Sullivan, a spokesman for the Border Patrol's Tucson Sector, which includes Ajo, said the agency could not comment because the term is part of an ongoing court case... Another person who identified himself as a Border Patrol agent on the online forum Reddit said the term is commonly used, after a reader asked if he ever uses the word "tonk." "It's a common term. And really it's 'tonc' and it originated from the acronym Temporarily Outside Native Country. In response to another question, however, the agent gives a different answer. "Read an article online saying border patrol agents nickname illegals 'tonks' because 'that's the sound a maglite flashlight makes when it (hits) the back of their head.' How accurate is this?" the agent is asked... The agent responds, "we don't carry the big maglites anymore, now we carry smaller 'Stingers' ... not tonks anymore, now they're 'tinks'."

## **SOCIAL MEDIA ANALYSIS**

### **Overall**

- Social Media increased by 7%, up to 4,106 total

- posts. Twitter comprised 89% of total posts.
- The top shared URL (774 shares) linked to a May 15 *CNN* article, “Border Patrol failed to count hundreds of migrant deaths on US soil.”
  - The second top shared URL (303 shares) linked to the *Breitbart* article, “Border Patrol Agents Bust 8 More Bangladeshis at Texas Border.”

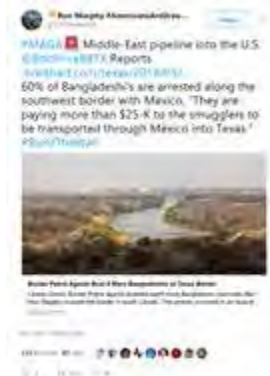


## Twitter



- @kylegriffin1 posted a link to the May 15 *CNN* article, “Border Patrol failed to count hundreds of migrant deaths on US soil.” The post was the top tweet, with 911 retweets, 923 likes, and 23 replies.

Figure 1 - Social Media Posts by Platform



- @THETXEMBASSY posted a link to the *Breitbart* article, “Border Patrol Agents Bust 8 More Bangladeshis at Texas Border.” The post was the second top tweet, with 113 retweets, 97 likes, and 3 replies.

## Other Platforms



- INSTAGRAM: Instagram post by user k9graf (1,182 followers), a BP K9, “standing guard,” at a wire fence. The post mentioned the white Winnebago in the background and referenced the tv series “Breaking Bad.” The post garnered 171 likes.

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**To:** [CHAVEZ, FELIX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: call  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 23, 2016 4:38:58 PM  
**Attachments:** (b) [Agents Militia Contact.pdf](#)

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As requested

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 23, 2016 2:25 PM  
**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Cc:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
[REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: call

Please see attachment.

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 23, 2016 2:16 PM  
**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** call

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) I need you to call

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (7)(E)

(b) (7)(E)



U.S. Customs and  
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October 26, 2016

MEMORANDUM FOR: Paul A. Beeson  
Chief Patrol Agent  
Tucson Sector

FROM: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
Border Patrol Agent  
(b) (7)(E) Arizona

SUBJECT: Unintended Media Interaction

On October 25, 2016, I was informed of a news article published in the recently released November/December issue of Mother Jones and an accompanying video (in the same article) containing comments made by me. These comments were recorded by a reporter named (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) who was embedded with the militia group unbeknownst to them who recorded my comments without any of our knowledge. Upon finding out about this article I immediately informed my Watch Commander (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) who then requested a memorandum.

On April 12, 2016, I was assigned to assist with (b) (7)(E) As part of this assignment I was tasked with (b) (7)(E) pass on activity from the previous shift, and work activity in the (b) (7)(E) area of responsibility if I'm available.

At approximately 10:30 p.m., I was dispatched to an area known as the (b) (7)(E) because an (b) (7)(E) (b) (7)(E) four groups of three bodies moving north. Border Patrol Agents (BPA) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and I moved into separate positions and interdicted the first group. Upon encountering three armed individuals all wearing armor and with night vision devices it was learned that they were all United States Citizens and were part of the 3% United Patriots militia. We then waited for all four groups to regroup and walked with them to (b) (7)(E) where they were eventually picked up.

While at (b) (7)(E) I talked with the militia members while unknowingly being recorded by a reporter named (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) identifies me as (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and quotes me throughout his article and in the video with the following quotes; "I love my job, I have days where I'm like fuck this. This is the worst mistake I've ever made. But most of the time if I sit back and I think about it, I come in and play hide and seek, steal weed off of people, steal vehicles from people-legally and watch Netflix". "I love having y'all out here, man. It impresses me that you guys come out and do my job for me for no pay at all." "Give me a good heads-up

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

next time you guys are gonna come down. If you plan on coming to the (b) (7)(E) area, since you're out in Colorado maybe I can take a trip out and give you guys an unauthorized brief. Or at least give you something in writing so you guys can brief and whatnot." "Then when y'all get down here I can link up with you again and whatnot." "He says he does the same with another militia that does ops down here". "You didn't hear this shit from me," When asked by one member of the group where would be a good location for them to set up an observation post, I stated " (b) (7)(E) Perfect.". I then proceeded to show the group how to get to the (b) (7)(E) likely crossing points along the road (low points), and high points you can see from the (b) (7)(E) while conducting my cut of the (b) (7)(E)

(b) (7)(E)

(b) (7)(E) The entire interaction lasted no longer than 30 minutes and did not prevent me from responding to any other duties. If I had known there was media embedded with the group I would not have spoken with them at all. I did not at any time talk about (b) (7)(E) locations, how we conduct our operations, or our manpower numbers. I have not had any further contact with this group.

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/ Supervisor's Signature

10/26/2016

Date of Advisement

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Employee's Signature

10/26/16

Date of Receipt

(b) (7)(E)



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(b) (7)(E)

October 27, 2016

MEMORANDUM FOR: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
Patrol Agent in Charge  
(b) (7)(E) Station

FROM: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
Border Patrol Agent  
(b) (7)(E) Station

SUBJECT: Militia Encounter

On April 12, 2016, I was assigned to Border Patrol duties on the east side of (b) (7)(E) Arizona. Between 10:30-11:30 PM., a (b) (7)(E) operator informed via radio that he saw a group of three individuals walking through the woods near an area known as (b) (7)(E) in the (b) (7)(E) area.

I responded to the group and drove my assigned government vehicle near the intersection of (b) (7)(E) had visual of the individuals. I began to walk toward the individuals, carrying my assigned M4 rifle and because of the isolated area and dark conditions, I was using my night vision goggles in order to walk through the tough terrain. While I was walking, the (b) (7)(E) was able to see another two group of three individuals not too far from where he saw the initial group. Border Patrol Agent (BPA) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and BPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) also responded to the (b) (7)(E) area as well. I continued walking toward the initial group in a tactical manner guided by the (b) (7)(E) utilizing my night vision goggles. When I got close to the group, I turned on my flashlight, commanded them so not move, and identified myself as a Border Patrol agent. The group did not move and I saw that the group of individuals was wearing tactical clothing and were equipped with long arms, night vision goggles, and some type of radio communication equipment. I approached the group and they told me they were part of a militia group.

Shortly after I made the initial contact with the group, BPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) arrived. I radioed the (b) (7)(E) about the militia group, as well of the other two groups that he had a visual of. The militia members radioed their other two group members about Border Patrol agents in the area and instructed them to walk to the main road and get together.



Memorandum for (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
Subject: Militia Encounter

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After a brief conversation, I returned to my vehicle and left the area while Agents (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and, who by the time had arrived, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stayed with the individuals and engaged in a longer conversation.

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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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Supervisor's Signature

10/27/14  
Date of Advisement

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Employee's Signature

10/27/16  
Date of Receipt

(b) (7)(E)



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(b) (7)(E)

October 27, 2016

MEMORANDUM FOR:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Patrol Agent in Charge

(b) (7)(E) Border Patrol Station

FROM:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Border Patrol Agent

(b) (7)(E) Station

SUBJECT:

Contact with "Undercover Reporter"

On April 12, 2016, I was assigned U.S. Border Patrol duties on the (b) (7)(E) Arizona. Toward the end of my shift (b) (7)(E), (b) (7)(E) informed me that a group of possible undocumented aliens was walking north towards the (b) (7)(E) (b) (7)(E) Border Patrol Agent (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and I drove out and attempted to make contact with the individuals. Agent (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was about 100 yards ahead of me and made contact with the individuals first. I was watching through my issued night vision goggles as I approached and saw several armed individuals kneel in front of Agent (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). The individuals identified themselves as a portion of the militia group "3 Percent United Patriots," from Colorado.

As I approached, I saw Agent (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) speaking with members of a militia. A short time later Agent (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) left the area and Border Patrol Agent (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) from the (b) (7)(E) shift arrived on scene as I was about to leave.

Agent (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) spoke with the militia group for a bit and I stayed to back him up. I do not remember what Agent (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) spoke to them about as I was talking with one of the militia members and inspected his rifle. I left a short time later when I felt that the scene was safe.

On October 25, 2016, while assigned Border Patrol duties on the east side of (b) (7)(E) Arizona, I received a text via personally owned cellular telephone from another agent. He informed me that he believed that I may have been seen on a video on the website "fusion.net" for "YouTube.com." I looked at the link and discovered that a reporter identified as (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) had secretly video-taped the (b) (7)(E) encounter between the Colorado 3 Percent United Patriots militia group, and Agents (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and I.

On the video tape I was shown standing next to Agent (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and in another frame, I was shown looking at one of the militia members' rifles. The online video is approximately 8 minutes, 22 seconds long.

Upon reviewing the tape and the online article that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote, I met with my immediate supervisor, Supervisory Border Patrol Agent (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) SBPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) advised me that it's possible that I would have to write a memorandum regarding this incident and to see the Swing Shift Watch Commander, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) informed me on 10/26/2016, that a memorandum was needed in regards to this incident. I contacted BPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) about the video and advised him that he should show his Shift's chain of command.

At no time do I recall being informed that I was being videotaped by a member of the media and I did not know it at the time. I do not recall giving any official statements on Border Patrol positions, information relevant to Border Patrol Operations, nor information sensitive to Border Patrol Operations or Law Enforcement.

(b) (7)(E)



(b) (7)(E)

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Border Patrol Agent

(b) (7)(E) Station (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

FROM:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Watch Commander

(b) (7)(E) Station

SUBJECT:

Directive to Prepare Memorandum

You are hereby directed to prepare a memorandum detailing the incident that occurred on April 12, 2016.

In your memorandum, you need to address the following points; details surrounding your interaction with a militia group along the border.

Prior to the submission of your memoranda, you are advised under Article 31, (B), (3) of the 1995 Collective Bargaining Agreement, that "prior to taking a written or sworn statement from an employee, or when an employee is going to be interrogated before witnesses which may lead to disciplinary action against the employee, he or she will be advised in writing of his or her right to be represented by the Union". A copy of Article 31(B)(3) is attached.

I acknowledge receipt of this memorandum, and advisement of Article 31 (B) (3) rights attached hereto.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Signature

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Witnessed By (Signature)

Dated

10/26/2016

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Printed Name

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Supervisor's Signature

10/26/2016

Date of Advisement

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Employee's Signature

10/26/2016

Date of Receipt

**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**To:** [CHAVEZ, FELIX](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Media Contact  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 23, 2016 5:48:09 PM

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Got it. (b) (7)(E) when they collected the memos. I'm waiting for a call back from (b) (7)(E)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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**From:** CHAVEZ, FELIX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 23, 2016 11:28:25 PM  
**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** FW: Media Contact

Fysa, I don't know who needs them

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 23, 2016 3:25 PM  
**To:** CHAVEZ, FELIX (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
**Subject:** FW: Media Contact

Additional info – the attached memo is one that was in the packet I sent a few ago

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 23, 2016 2:57 PM  
**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Cc:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** FW: Media Contact

Sir.

Routed to sector October 26. This was the memo from agent doing talking. Today you received the memos from all three agents present.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
Deputy Patrol Agent in Charge  
(b) (7)(E) Station  
Desk: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
Cell: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 26, 2016 8:45:42 AM

**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Cc:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** FW: Media Contact

Sir,

Please see attached and below. Please watch the link before trying to read everything so you can see what transpired. I will be collected memos from two additional agents. Please advise what course of action we will be taking.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Deputy Patrol Agent in Charge

(b) (7)(E) station

Office (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Cell (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 26, 2016 2:15 AM  
**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**Subject:** RE: Media Contact

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 26, 2016 1:34 AM  
**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**Subject:** Media Contact

Gents,

BPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) notified me of an incident involving the media and a militia group that occurred on April 12, 2016.

BPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) reported he made contact with a militia group in the (b) (7)(E) AOR after a sighting by (b) (7)(E). Believing they were aliens, he responded to the area and discovered they were militia members from "Three Percent, United Patriots Militia". While speaking with them he was being surreptitiously recorded by an undercover journalist who was posing as a member. The journalist was from Mother Jones. BPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) allowed me to read his memo prior to officially submitting it, and he made some unprofessional remarks while speaking candidly.

After his memo is reviewed by a Union official I will turn it in.

BPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was made aware of this by a text message he received from a friend who informed him that an agent assigned to TCA PAO is aware of the incident/"interview".

Mother Jones has posted their undercover investigation regarding militias on You Tube, where



you will see BPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Also....

[www.motherjones.com/.../undercover-border-militia-immigration-](http://www.motherjones.com/.../undercover-border-militia-immigration-) (b) (6)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Watch Commander

U.S. Border Patrol

(b) (7)(E)

Office: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Cell: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**From:** [CHAVEZ, FELIX](#)  
**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** FW: Daily Media Summary - May 20, 2018  
**Date:** Sunday, May 20, 2018 8:28:04 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
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[image007.png](#)

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Both you and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) can apparently be accused of stating the border is open....come on in? maybe a better message should be framed?

- , “Laredo is a prime target for these ruthless smugglers because of our sector’s shortage of manpower and the lack of a physical barrier

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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**From:** Media Analyst (General) (b) (7)(E)

**Sent:** Sunday, May 20, 2018 7:16 AM

**To:** Media Analyst (General) (b) (7)(E)

**Subject:** Daily Media Summary - May 20, 2018

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## Daily Media Summary May 20, 2018

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- *Breitbart* reported Border Patrol agents arrested eight more Bangladeshi nationals trying to illegally cross the U.S.-Mexico border south of Laredo. According to U.S. BP agent Hector Garza, “Laredo is a prime target for these ruthless smugglers because of our sector’s shortage of manpower and the lack of a physical barrier.” According to *Breitbart*, agents have arrested more than 230 Bangladeshi nationals total, this fiscal year. This storyline was the second most shared URL and the second top retweet on Twitter.

*KENS-TV* covered the Texas Border Volunteers, a group of armed volunteers who, “[work] hand-in-hand with...Border Patrol agents.” The group’s founder, Dr. Vickers stated the group, “[doesn’t] capture anybody, we don’t arrest anybody, we arrange for their capture,” by contacting local BP agents. *KENS-TV* tried to ask acting Border Patrol Chief Carla Provost if collaborating with militia groups helped or hindered the agency’s mission but was told it “was too local of a question for her to respond to.”

- Coverage of Jason Davis, the BP agent charged with “receipt of material containing or constituting child pornography,” sustained. Local outlet Illinois outlet Jacksonville-Journal Courier, local New Mexico outlets Artesia Daily Press and Santa Fe New Mexican reprinted an Associated Press article. Local New Mexico outlet KRQE-TV also reported on the storyline.

## TOP NEWS

### **1. Border Patrol Agents Bust 8 More Bangladeshis at Texas Border**

(Breitbart; 19.1M uvm) ... Bob Price

Laredo Sector Border Patrol agents arrested eight more Bangladeshi nationals after they illegally crossed the border in south Laredo. The arrests occurred in an area where agents arrested more than 230 Bangladeshis this fiscal year. “They are not trying to hide or escape,” Laredo Sector Assistant Chief Patrol Agent Gabriel Acosta told Breitbart Texas in a phone interview. “They walk right up to an agent and claim ‘credible fear.’” The Laredo Sector accounts for more than 60 percent of Bangladeshi nationals arrested along the entire southwest border with Mexico, Acosta explained. “They are paying more than \$25,000 to the smugglers to be transported through Mexico into Texas.”... “Laredo is a prime target for these ruthless smugglers because of our sector’s shortage of manpower and the lack of a physical barrier,” U.S. Border Patrol Agent Hector Garza explained in an interview with Breitbart Texas on Thursday. “We have 170 miles of river border with Mexico. Not one mile of that border has a physical barrier. We are wide open for these drug and human smugglers.”

### **2. Militia say they help Border Patrol catch immigrants in South Texas ranch lands**

(KENS-TV; 446k uvm; San Antonio, TX) ... Oscar Margain

**VIDEO:** About five miles north of the nearest Border Patrol checkpoint in Falfurrias, Texas, and 75 miles north of the border with Mexico, is the Vickers Ranch. It’s a 1,000-acre property home to Dr. Mike Vickers, a local veterinarian. Dr. Vickers is one of the original founders of the Texas Border Volunteers, which broke off from the Texas Minutemen Militia about 13 years ago. The TVB is comprised of more than 300 citizen soldiers. About two dozen members meet once or twice a month at the Vickers Ranch to conduct what they call “border watches.”... “We have agreements with the individual ranchers to go out to their private property, and with that comes responsibility on our part to do things correctly,” Boles said. “We’re not cops. We don’t capture anybody, we don’t arrest anybody, we arrange for their capture.” These armed volunteers are organized in response to what they consider a lack of federal resources, to stem the flow of undocumented immigrants through their ranchlands... “Border Patrol does not have the resources to come out here and watch these trails,

and that's what we do. We fill a void that they can't fill," Dr. Vickers said. "This has evolved over all these years, working hand-in-hand with these Border Patrol agents." We tried asking the acting Border Patrol Chief Carla Provost if collaborating with militia groups helps or hinders the agency's mission but were cut off and told it was too local of a question for her to respond to.

### **3. Border Patrol supervisor allegedly uploaded child porn**

(KRQE-TV; 441k uvm; Albuquerque, NM)

A Border Patrol supervisor in New Mexico has been arrested for child pornography. Jason Christopher Davis, a 45-year-old from Las Cruces was booked into jail Wednesday. According to a criminal complaint, officials caught Davis after he allegedly used an email to upload a video file containing child porn last month. Davis made his first appearance in federal court Friday.

### **4. Border Patrol supervisor arrested in child porn case**

(Associated Press)

U.S. prosecutors in New Mexico say a supervisory U.S. Border Patrol agent is being held in a federal child pornography case. The office says 45-year-old Jason Christopher Davis of Las Cruces made his first federal court appearance Friday on a criminal complaint charging him with receipt of material containing or constituting child pornography. Davis is in federal custody pending a preliminary hearing and detention hearing Wednesday. The public defender who has been appointed to represent him did not immediately respond to a request for comment. The criminal complaint says Davis is suspected of receiving child pornography in April. It says Las Cruces police executed a search warrant on an email account linked to Davis.

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*Along U.S. Borders*

### **5. El Paso woman living in Montana detained by Border Patrol for speaking Spanish**

(KVIA-TV; 532k uvm; El Paso, TX) ... Jerry Najera

In a video making the rounds on social media, a Border Patrol agent in the state of Montana detained an El Paso woman and her friend for speaking Spanish...The video that surfaced this week has many questioning his actions. It happened in the state of Montana and the woman who was detained was born in El Paso. "I needed some eggs and my friend needed some milk for her daughter and we decided to go there," Ana Suda said. Suda, who was born in El Paso and raised in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, says she and a friend were at a convenience store and about to pay for their items. "I was next in line when I heard my friend say something in Spanish and then I looked and it was this Border Patrol behind me," Suda said. Suda told ABC-7 the

agent stopped them in their tracks. "He asked where I was born, so I looked at him and I said, 'Are you serious?' He's, like, 'Yes, I'm serious,' but, you know, with a very authoritative voice," Suda said.

#### **6. Dozens Arrive at Nogales Border to Seek Asylum**

(Arizona Public Media; 31k uvm)

**VIDEO:** This week dozens of immigrants from Central America walked up to the Dennis DeConcini Port of Entry in Nogales and requested asylum. The men, women and children said they did not travel with an organized caravan. Kendal Blust, a reporter for the Nogales International, was among the first to report their stories. She told Lorraine Rivera what she learned about their reasons for seeking asylum and their plans after arriving at the border. In a statement to Arizona 360, Customs and Border Protection said the Department of Homeland Security does not "currently have a policy of separating families at the border for deterrence purposes."

### **TRADE**

#### **7. China Rejects U.S. Target for Narrowing Trade Gap**

(Wall Street Journal; 43.6M uvm) ... Bob Davis and Lingling Wei

A last-ditch effort by the Trump administration failed to get China to accept its demand for a \$200 billion cut in the U.S. bilateral trade deficit, as Chinese officials resisted committing to any specific targets after two days of contentious negotiations. The two days of deliberations in Washington ended with both sides arguing all night on Friday over what to say in a joint statement, people briefed on the matter said. The Chinese had come willing to step up purchases of U.S. merchandise as a measure to narrow China's \$375 billion trade advantage. But U.S. negotiators pushed the Chinese delegates to approve a specific target of \$200 billion in additional Chinese purchases. The Chinese refused any such target in specific dollar amounts, and the matter is now in the hands of President Donald Trump and President Xi Jinping, the people said. The two sides released a joint statement shortly after the Chinese delegation was scheduled to return home, but it made no reference to the specific purchasing amounts that the U.S. had wanted. "Both sides agreed on meaningful increases in United States agriculture and energy exports," the statement said, adding that "the delegations also discussed expanding trade in manufactured goods and services. There was consensus on the need to create favorable conditions to increase trade in these areas."

#### **8. U.S. and China Tout Trade Talks as Success, but Leave the Details for Later**

(New York Times; 29.8M uvm) ... Ana Swanson

China will increase its purchase of American goods and services in order to reduce the multibillion-dollar trade imbalance with the United States, the two countries said in a joint statement Saturday. How much the imbalance will be reduced remains to be seen. Trump administration officials had said during negotiations this week that China

was prepared to make up to \$200 billion in additional purchases. Notably absent from Saturday's announcement were any dollar figures — or a sense of the scale of the agreed-upon increases. The White House said that China had committed to buying more agriculture and energy exports, but noted that American officials would at some point go to China to work out the details of their agreement. "To meet the growing consumption needs of the Chinese people and the need for high-quality economic development, China will significantly increase purchases of United States goods and services," said the statement. "This will help support growth and employment in the United States."

#### **9. Norpac blasts bill to pause tariffs on Canadian newsprint**

(The Daily News; 197k uvm; Longview, WA) ... Zack Hale

Ten U.S. senators have backed a bill that would pause border taxes on Canadian newsprint imports enacted earlier this year at the request of the Norpac paper mill in Longview. Proponents of the bill argue it will offer a lifeline to the publishing industry, which has been hit by sharp increases in the cost of newsprint, a product Norpac manufactures. But opponents — including the CEO of the 350-employee Longview paper mill — say the bill would set a dangerous precedent for future investigations into allegations of unfair trade practices. The PRINT Act, introduced Monday by U.S. Sens. Susan Collins (R-Maine) and Angus King (I-Maine), would halt the collection of countervailing duties and antidumping duties on Canadian newsprint. At the same time, the bill would also direct the U.S. Department of Commerce to study the economic health of the printing and publishing industries. Uncoated groundwood paper — otherwise known as newsprint — is used by newspapers, book publishers and commercial printers.

### **WORKFORCE**

#### **10. U.S. customs to hire dozens of officers as foreign travel surges at LAX**

(Los Angeles Times; 23.9M uvm) ... Hugo Martin

With international travel to Los Angeles continuing to grow, U.S. Customs and Border Protection is for the first time in 10 years accepting applications for dozens of new officers to work at Los Angeles International Airport. The number of customs officers working at LAX has diminished through normal attrition and those that remain are under increasing pressure to screen a surge in international travelers flying into LAX, said Claudia Canizalez, a representative for the agency. Under normal circumstances, she said, the federal agency hires new officers and assigns them primarily to work near the border in Texas, Arizona and Southern California. But now new job applicants can specifically request to fill one of several dozen openings at LAX, Canizalez said. "We need the help," she said of staffing at LAX. "We definitely need the help."

#### **11. Border Patrol Agent Sentenced for Helping Smuggle Drugs**

(Breitbart; 19.1M uvm) ... Bob Price

A federal judge in Arizona sentenced a former Border Patrol to seven and a half years in prison for his role in helping smuggle marijuana into Arizona. The agent received bribes for assisting in the smuggling effort. The judge sentenced Alberto Michel, 41, to spend 90 months in prison after he and two other men agreed to smuggle drugs into the U.S. from Mexico last year, AZ Central reported. Agent Michel began serving in the Border Patrol in 2009. He admitted to investigators that he provided counter-surveillance during smuggling operations utilizing information he obtained as an Intelligence Unit agent, the Arizona news outlet reported. The former agents also passed along information to the smugglers about “law enforcement interdiction practices” and how to thwart those practices. In exchange for the intelligence information, the agents received about two payments of \$12,000 each, according to the plea agreement. This amounted to about \$40 per pound of the smuggled marijuana.

## **OPINION**

### **12. America's 150-Year Opioid Epidemic**

(New York Times; 29.8M uvm) ... Clinton Lawson

In researching opium addiction in late-19th-century America, I've come across countless stories like Henderson's. What is striking is how, aside from some Victorian-era moralizing, they feel so familiar to a 21st-century reader: Henderson developed an addiction at a vulnerable point in her life, found doctors who enabled it and then self-destructed. She was just one of thousands of Americans who lost their lives to addiction between the 1870s and the 1920s. The late-19th-century opiate epidemic was nearly identical to the one now spreading across the United States. Back then, doctors began to prescribe a profitable and effective drug — morphine, taken via hypodermic needle — too liberally. After a decade of overprescribing it for minor ailments and even for issues related to mental illness, a colony of American junkies began to emerge. Most started out like Ella Henderson, who suffered from emotional trauma and chronic pain, for which she was prescribed copious amounts of morphine. She became addicted, was abandoned by the medical community and judged by her neighbors, and ultimately overdosed alone in her room. Her case mirrors the thousands of fentanyl and heroin overdoses that led President Trump in October to declare opioid abuse a public health emergency... In the case of the opioid epidemic, history is literally repeating itself. Once again, too many Americans are dying of drug overdoses, and too many already vulnerable communities are being torn apart. Like our predecessors at the turn of the last century, we are asking what can be done to change the situation. Unlike them, we already know the answers. They solved the quandary for us.

### **13. California's illegal immigration fight is back, and so are the political pitfalls for Republicans**

(Los Angeles Times; 23.9M uvm) ... John Myers

Few topics have been as incendiary in California as illegal immigration, with intense arguments about whether those who cross borders are a reminder of the American

**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**To:** [KARISCH, RODOLFO](#)  
**Cc:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** Lewis Arthur of "Pizzagate" Fame Targets Arivaca and Arivacans in Newest Strategy  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 18, 2018 5:07:22 PM

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Good Afternoon Sir,

A citizen by the name of (b) (6) sent the below email as he is concerned with the following Mr. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) is obtaining. He is very concerned with the statements and actions this individual is taking. (b) (6) stated that he personally have a good relationship with the Border Patrol and wanted to make you aware of this individual.

Respectfully,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
Special Assistant for  
Tucson Sector Chief Patrol Agent & Deputy Chief Patrol Agent  
Commander, Joint Task Force-West, Arizona

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 18, 2018 1:24 PM  
**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** Re: Test Email

Southern Arizona-Connection

September 7 at 4:09 PM · ...

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) of "Pizzagate" Fame Targets Arivaca and Arivacans in Newest Strategy  
By K. Randall, Southern Arizona Connection

You may or may not have heard of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), also known as (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), from the KGUN9 interviews or (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) columns. But he has an interesting story in our area and beyond.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was present at both the Bundy Ranch standoff and the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge occupation a few years ago, although accounts state he was chased off by other occupiers. In Tucson, he ran "Veterans on Patrol," a paramilitary-styled group which finds homeless vets and provides a communal living arrangement for them at their "Bravo Base," AKA "Camp Conklin" on private property owned by HMS Fasteners in Marana. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) claim to fame is linked to the Pizzagate conspiracy, a fringe belief that the basement of a pizza shop back east was a child sex trafficking operation, even though it was later found out that the building didn't even have a basement. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) maintains that there is a massive conspiracy involving Hillary Clinton, the Rothschild family, George Soros, TPD (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)



(b) (6), Pima County (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and others to traffic child sex slaves through Pima County. He and his posse found an abandoned homeless camp in the desert outside of Marana and claimed that they had found proof of their theory, even though investigating agencies and witnesses said that it was a homeless camp and nothing more.

(b) (6), extremely large online audience backed him fully, and were asked to send supplies and gift cards to fund their patrols. But he was soon evicted and trespassed off of the (b) (6) property and also charged with assault for pepper-spraying a homeless man in a park restroom.

Yesterday, (b) (6) was in downtown Arivaca livestreaming a video that begins in front of La Gitana. He confronts the bartender about two new signs on the door of the business banning "Oathkeepers, militias, Veteran's on Patrol and 3%." He asks if supporters of these entities were also banned, with the bartender telling him that supporters are included. She explains the ban is necessary because the Oathkeepers that came in the previous day were aggressive to customers and came in with an open container, a violation of State laws and business rules.

A relatively contained (b) (6) turns away from the bar and heads across the street to stand in front of the Arivaca Humanitarian Aid Office, a building that collects donations to help sick or dehydrated migrants in the border zone. He discusses the donations the office accepts in another video, calls them an open borders, pro-child trafficking facility. Next, he heads over to the Mercantile and gets in his truck to talk some more about Arivaca and the people who live there.

Here he reveals some of his plans for the area, "We're going to surrender Arivaca and Ruby over to Mexico, we're going to allow Arivaca and Ruby to take care of every illegal we trap on their new property...we're going to build a wall north of the border...we've got OP's, we've got places...we're going to be busy. Wherever they're staging the water, we're gonna be there before it and every person they help cross and traffic, they can take care of them in this town. See how long they last without you guys coming down here and spending your money on child traffickers..." Although it is highly unlikely that he will be able to build a physical wall around Arivaca and Ruby, he mentions occupying state and federal lands surrounding Arivaca and "shutting down the route that's feeding up into the Alpha Zone."

He calls his new project "Operation Open Headache," since he claims it will give Arivacans "a migraine when we get done down here." How he will accomplish this is anyone's guess, but it seems he plans on targeting local businesses, who he claims are funded by the traffickers and cartels. His group also plans on running "ops" for an indefinite amount of time. He says, "We're just going to have to cut Arivaca and Ruby off from America," and "They don't want your business. Arivaca says no one wants your business. So we'll be shopping outside and we'll just see how much of an impact we'll have on this town when they're stuck with the illegals they're facilitating coming through." In a post from Friday afternoon, the group writes:

"CHILD ADVOCATES AND PATRIOTS ARE NOT WELCOME IN ARIVACCA (sic).

#Insanity

Those who support Child/Human/Dope Trafficking have made it known that those who oppose illegal Trafficking are not welcome.

That's okay, we are just utilizing our National Parks, Public Lands, and Allied Private Properties to build a Net North of Arivacca (sic).

We'll be keeping an eye on the BP Agents targeted by these criminals as well. #VOP"

In Friday's video, (b) (6) mentions investigations of "abandoned" properties, or using drones to look for child sex trafficking evidence. He says that he will catch those who are "aiding and abetting" smugglers with the help of Arivacans he has spoken to who "don't like where they live." He warns that community members must stop criticizing (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Arizona Border recon, a local militia group, and that those groups who attack AZBR are "stationed right here in enemy territory."

Where this goes is anyone's guess, but between (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and the disgruntled local stalker, it seems there's enough personality in town to create some conflicts. A community meeting is being planned to discuss these developments and to share impressions and knowledge about the situation. Connection will also be reaching out to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) to try and get an interview about his plans and intentions for our community and hope there is a path forward that is cooperative and peaceful.

I want to leave you with the words of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), from his July 22nd column in the Arizona Daily Star: "Everybody, it seems, is either afraid of (b) (6), and his followers or worried that any attempt to arrest him will turn into a standoff with violent potential. It's true that as long as (b) (6), is holed up in the tower, he's in a cell of his own making. But he's continuing to tell a global audience of thousands that specific local people, ranchers and companies are pedophiles or child sex traffickers, or are protecting them. And he whips up an online mob daily.

Ignoring (b) (6), tolerating him and waiting him out lets him and his followers continue to hurt and intimidate innocent people who deserve protection."

Resources in comments. Please share.

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) on behalf of [SITROOM](#)  
To: [CBP SITROOM- REPORTS - CBP MORNING REPORT](#); [CBP SITROOM CBP LEADERSHIP](#)  
Cc: [SITROOM](#)  
Subject: Commissioner's Significant Incident Report for November 19, 2016  
Date: Friday, November 18, 2016 10:28:42 PM

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SITUATION ROOM COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

(b) (7)(E)



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(b) (7)(E)

**Tucson Sector (b) (7)(E) Station**

Date of Incident: 11/17/2016

SIR Number: (b) (7)(E)

Location: (b) (7)(E) AZ

Type of Incident: Media Interest

On November 17, 2017, U.S. Border Patrol agents assigned to the (b) (7)(E), Arizona Station responded to call by an Arizona Border Recon member, accompanied by an Univision news crew, regarding a subject in distress near (b) (7)(E), Arizona. Agents responded and arrested a Mexican national. The subject declined medical attention and was transported to the station for processing. Univision filmed the encounter.

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**To:** [CBP SITROOM- REPORTS - CBP MORNING REPORT](#); [CBP SITROOM CBP LEADERSHIP](#)  
**Cc:** [SITROOM](#)  
**Subject:** Commissioner's Significant Incident Report for May 9, 2017  
**Date:** Monday, May 8, 2017 9:03:54 PM

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This is the Report for 5/09/2017

**San Ysidro/Otay Mesa**

Date of Incident: 5/7/2017

SIR Number: (b) (7)(E)

Location: San Ysidro, CA

Type of Incident: Media Interest /National

On May 8, 2017, CBP officers from the San Ysidro, California POE reported that on May 7, 2017, a meeting of a group called "Refugee Caravan 2017" cancelled their meeting at Friendship Park and instead held their meeting at a mall in Tijuana, Mexico. After the meeting, the group went to the San Ysidro, California POE where seventy eight people applied for asylum. Media attention is expected as the Mother Jones news organization has been following the group and reporting on its progress. No officers were interviewed and no statements were provided to media by officers.

(b) (7)(E)

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From:  
To:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

[RODOLFO:](#)

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[KARTSCH](#)

Cc:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Subject:  
Date:

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Friday, January 20, 2017 9:02:48 AM

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## **DRT Media Highlights January 20, 2017**

### **[Border Patrol Agent: 'We Feel We Now Have a President We Can Trust'](#)**

**NEW YORK, New York** - Brandon Judd, president of the National Border Patrol Council, joined Bill O'Reilly tonight to explain what the border patrol wants to see from President-elect Donald Trump once he takes office.

### **[Border Patrol agent accused in Texas killing on trial](#)**

**BROWNSVILLE, Texas** - A U.S. Border Patrol agent and his brother are standing trial in Texas in the killing of a man who prosecutors say threatened to uncover their trafficking of weapons and drugs.

### **[Is The Border Safe? Armed Militia Leader Hunting Undocumented Immigrants Is Excited For Trump](#)**

**SASABE, Arizona** - Tim Foley lights his cigarette in a drab and musty abandoned home near the U.S.-Mexico border, where he spends his days and nights hunting for drug traffickers and undocumented immigrants.

### **[\\$317K in Cocaine Seized at Pharr Port of Entry](#)**

**PHARR, Texas** - U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Office of Field Operations (OFO) at the Pharr international Bridge seized alleged cocaine valued at \$317,900 during an enforcement action.

### **[Firings, discipline up at border agency](#)**

**EMERYVILLE, California** - The number of employees fired by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, the nation's largest law enforcement agency, doubled from 2014 to 2015, continuing an upward trend in the number of discipline decisions, according to a newly

released agency report.

### **Inside the Massive Inauguration Security Effort**

**WASHINGTON, DC** - As thousands of people descend on Washington D.C. for the inauguration of President-elect Donald Trump, months of security planning, intelligence gathering and coordination are coming to fruition to protect lawmakers and the public.

### **\$70,000 worth of cocaine found inside Jamaican beef patties**

**NEW YORK, New York** - A passenger traveling from Jamaica to New York was found to be carrying a box of Jamaican beef patties filled with four pounds of cocaine.

### **'El Chapo' extradited to United States**

**CHICAGO, Illinois** - Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman was extradited to the United States Thursday to face drug trafficking and other charges, the I-Team confirmed.

### **U.S. EPA and Customs joint operations at Southern California ports result in fines and seizure of illegal engines and pesticides**

**LOS ANGELES, California** - Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Customs and Border Protection announced \$217,998 in fines and more than 5,325 items seized or denied entry to the United States.

### **Federal Middle Eastern officers inspire youth to pursue law enforcement careers**

**DETROIT, Michigan** - As Arab and Muslim Americans prepare to reciprocate Donald Trump's harsh scrutiny following the fruition of promised policies, a group of federal law enforcement officers are working to bridge the gap between themselves and a community critical of government.

### **Driver caught trying to sneak \$211K into Mexico**

**NOGALEZ, Arizona** - A 45-year-old man from Nogales, Sonora was arrested after he tried to drive into Mexico with almost \$211,000 in unreported U.S. currency.

**(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)**

*Border Patrol Agent*

*Strategic Communications Branch/* **(b) (7)(E)**

*Del Rio Sector*

**(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)**

**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**To:** [PROVOST, CARLA \(USBP\)](#)  
**Cc:** [LUCK, SCOTT A \(USBP\)](#); [KARISCH, RODOLFO](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Employee Issues - Sawmill Fire - USBP - (b) (7)(E) AZ  
**Date:** Friday, April 28, 2017 7:35:21 AM  
**Attachments:** (b) (7)(E) [SawMill Fire \(update 4-28\).pdf](#)

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Good morning Chief.

For your information:

You may recall BPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) is the agent who made comments to an undercover journalist embedded with a militia group that were then featured in a magazine article posted on Mother Jones.

The journalist was documenting the militia group in an undercover capacity when the group encountered BPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) in the field. BPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) is video recorded stating he would provide unauthorized briefings for the militia group. The encounter with BPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was captured on video and quoted in the ensuing article, "Undercover with Border Militia," Mother Jones, Nov/Dec issue.

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**From:** PROVOST, CARLA (USBP)  
**Sent:** Friday, April 28, 2017 7:19 AM  
**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Cc:** VITIELLO, RONALD D (USBP) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)>; FLANAGAN, PATRICK S (b) (7)(E)  
(b) (7)(E) LUCK, SCOTT A (USBP) (b) (7)(E)  
(b) (7)(E) KARISCH, RODOLFO  
(b) (7)(E)  
**Subject:** RE: Employee Issues - Sawmill Fire - USBP - (b) (7)(E) AZ

Sir,

Please find attached a quad sheet with full details.

Agent info:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), BPA  
Station: (b) (7)(E)  
DOB: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
EOD: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Thank you,  
Carla

*Carla L. Provost*

**Deputy Chief**

**USBP**

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**Sent:** Thursday, April 27, 2017 9:32 PM

**To:** PROVOST, CARLA (USBP) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) >

**Cc:** VITIELLO, RONALD D (USBP) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) >; FLANAGAN, PATRICK S

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**Subject:** FW: Employee Issues - Sawmill Fire - USBP (b) (7)(E), AZ

Chief,

Would appreciate a full account on this one asap.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) on behalf of SITROOM

**Sent:** Thursday, April 27, 2017 9:25:02 PM

**To:** CBP SITROOM- OBP EMPLOYEE ISSUES

**Cc:** SITROOM

**Subject:** Employee Issues - Sawmill Fire - USBP (b) (7)(E), AZ

**Incident 4/23/2017**

**SIR #** (b) (7)(E)

On April 23, 2017, U.S. Border Patrol agents assigned to the (b) (7)(E), Arizona Station reported an off-duty agent was firing a personally owned firearm, which caused the ignition of the wildfire known as the Sawmill Fire previously reported by the (b) (7)(E) Arizona Station.

**The incident has garnered significant media attention.**

# United States Border Patrol Tucson Sector/ (b) (7)(E) Station Significant Incident/Wildfire/ 04/28/2017

## ISSUE/BRIEFING TOPIC:

On April 25, 2017, U.S. Border Patrol agents assigned to the (b) (7)(E) Station reported that they closed the (b) (7)(E) Border Patrol Checkpoint located on (b) (7)(E) (b) (7)(E) due to heavy smoke from the Sawmill Fire.

## CURRENT SITUATION:

- The Media has agents name who started the fire and TCA issued a statement affirming an off-duty agent is being investigated, but did not name the agent.
- No CBP infrastructure or technology has been effected by the fire. Potential damage to CBP infrastructure is low at this point; however, the license plate readers at the (b) (7)(E) (b) (7)(E) checkpoint will be secured in trailers if they need to be moved.
- The (b) (7)(E) remains closed.
- BPAs continue to assist Pima County Sheriff's Office and the Bureau of Land Management with road closures and property owner escorts.
- The fire has burned over 40,350 acres and is 20 percent contained.
- No injuries or deaths have been reported.

## BACKGROUND:

- On April 23, 2017, at approximately 11:45 A.M. (MST), the (b) (7)(E) located on (b) (7)(E) contacted the (b) (7)(E) advised that there was a large amount smoke observed approximately four to five miles northwest of the checkpoint.
- At 11:58 A.M. (MST), agents closed the (b) (7)(E) (b) (7)(E) and re-deployed to assist with traffic control on (b) (7)(E) and instructed to block all westbound traffic entering (b) (7)(E)
- On April 27, 2017, incident was upgraded to a (b) (7)(E) " equivalent to natural disaster.



## AGENT INFORMATION:

Name: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), BPA  
DOB: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
EOD: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
Class: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
Station: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)



From:

[DRT](#)

To:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), [DRT-DPAICS](#), [DRT-PAICS](#), (b) (7)(E)

(b) (7)(E)

(b) (7)(E)

[KARISCH, RODOLFO](#), (b) (7)(E)

Subject:

Commissioner's Significant Incident Report for November 19, 2016

Date:

Saturday, November 19, 2016 7:44:33 AM

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(b) (7) (E)

(b) (7)(E)





(b) (7)(E)

**Tucson Sector – (b) (7)(E) Station**

Date of Incident: 11/17/2016

SIR Number: (b) (7)(E)

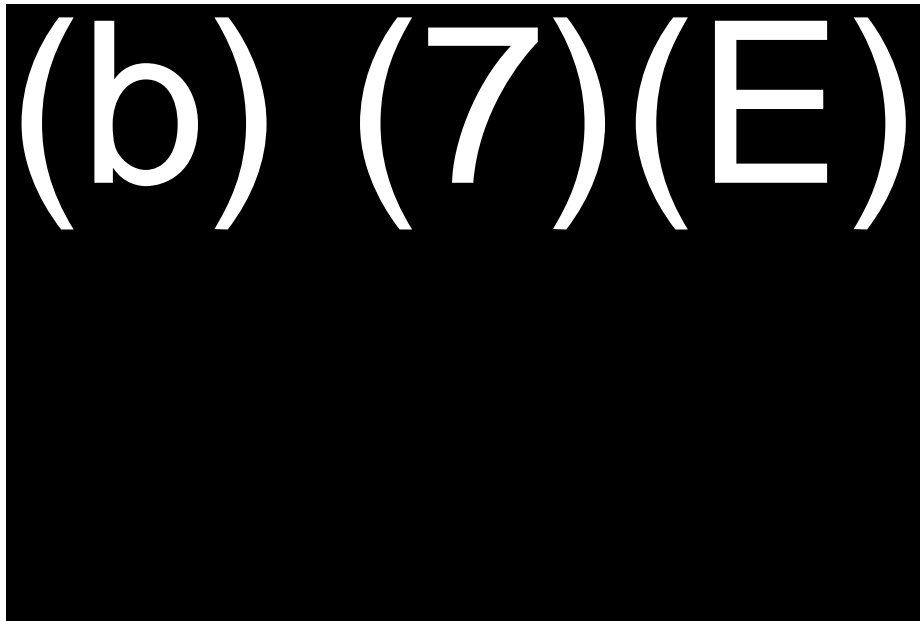
Location: (b) (7)(E), AZ

Type of Incident: Media Interest

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**To:** (b) (7)(E) -CBP; JTF-W AZ (b) (7)(E) FA-1; JTF-W AZ (b) (7)(E) FA-2; JTF-W AZ (b) (7)(E) FA-3  
**Cc:** JTF-W AZ (b) (7)(E) JIG; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** RE: FYSA: Milita Group Planning to Remove Water Jugs in Desert  
**Date:** Thursday, July 5, 2018 2:21:35 PM

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ALCON,

The Chief was requesting additional information on either the group mentioned below or the individual who was in the video. Do you have any additional information on the group? Where they operate? Based out of? Priors?

Respectfully,

(A)SBPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
Border Community Liaison  
Tucson Sector Border Patrol  
Field Communications Branch

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) . On Behalf Of (b) (7)(E) -CBP  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 03, 2018 1:43 PM  
**To:** JTF-W AZ (b) (7)(E) FA-1 (b) (7)(E); JTF-W AZ (b) (7)(E) FA-2  
(b) (7)(E); JTF-W AZ (b) (7)(E) FA-3 (b) (7)(E)  
(b) (7)(E)  
**Cc:** (b) (7)(E) -CBP (b) (7)(E); JTF-W AZ (b) (7)(E) JIG (b) (7)(E) >  
**Subject:** FYSA: Milita Group Planning to Remove Water Jugs in Desert

**SUBJECT:** Milita group planning to remove water jugs in desert

**SOURCE:** Arizona Counter Terrorism Information Center

See attachment regarding possible militia effort to remove water jugs for migrants placed in the Arizona desert.

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**Subject:** FYSA: Milita Group Planning to Remove Water Jugs in Desert  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 3, 2018 4:43:10 PM  
**Attachments:** [Veterans on Patrol.pdf](#)

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# Joint Task Force - West

(b) (7)(E)

ARIZONA



## SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

Date: 07/03/2018

(b) (7)(E)

(b) (6)(b) (7)(E)

Source: (b) (7)(E)

Subject: Veterans On Patrol To "Relocate" Water Jugs Left for Migrant

### Synopsis:

On July 3, 2018, (b) (7)(E) received information regarding a planned effort by "Veterans On Patrol" to physically remove water jugs left for migrants in the desert.

(b) (7)(E)

If any members of this group are encountered, follow proper reporting procedures through your Chain of Command.

Subject Name: (b) (6)

Date of Birth:

Additional Information:

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(b) (7)(E) or by email (b) (7)(E) BP 002238

**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Cc:** [KARISCH, RODOLFO](#)  
**Subject:** Re: (b) (6), of "Pizzagate" Fame Targets Arivaca and Arivacans in Newest Strategy  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 18, 2018 5:35:06 PM

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I'll share with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) We should probably bring (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) into the messaging even though she may already be aware as it seems the humanitarian groups are a target for these radicals

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 18, 2018, at 2:07 PM, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
> wrote:

Good Afternoon Sir,

A citizen by the name of (b) (6) sent the below email as he is concerned with the following Mr. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) is obtaining. He is very concerned with the statements and actions this individual is taking. (b) (6) stated that he personally have a good relationship with the Border Patrol and wanted to make you aware of this individual.

Respectfully,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
Special Assistant for  
Tucson Sector Chief Patrol Agent & Deputy Chief Patrol Agent  
Commander, Joint Task Force-West, Arizona

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 18, 2018 1:24 PM  
**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** Re: Test Email

Southern Arizona-Connection

September 7 at 4:09 PM · ...

(b) (6), (b) (7) of "Pizzagate" Fame Targets Arivaca and Arivacans in Newest Strategy  
By (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Southern Arizona Connection

You may or may not have heard of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), also known as (b) (7)(C), (b), from the KGUN9 interviews or (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) columns. But he has an interesting story in our area and beyond.

(b) (6) was present at both the Bundy Ranch standoff and the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge occupation a few years ago, although accounts state he was chased off by other occupiers. In Tucson, he ran "Veterans on Patrol," a paramilitary-styled group which finds homeless vets and provides a communal living arrangement for them at their "Bravo Base," AKA "Camp Conklin" on private property owned by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) in Marana. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) claim to fame is linked to the Pizzagate conspiracy, a fringe belief that the basement of a pizza shop back east was a child sex trafficking operation, even though it was later found out that the building didn't even have a basement. Lewis maintains that there is a massive conspiracy involving Hillary Clinton, the Rothschild family, George Soros, TPD (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Pima County (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and others to traffic child sex slaves through Pima County. He and his posse found an abandoned homeless camp in the desert outside of Marana and claimed that they had found proof of their theory, even though investigating agencies and witnesses said that it was a homeless camp and nothing more.

(b) (6)'s extremely large online audience backed him fully, and were asked to send supplies and gift cards to fund their patrols. But he was soon evicted and trespassed off of the (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) property and also charged with assault for pepper-spraying a homeless man in a park restroom.

Yesterday, (b) (6) was in downtown Arivaca livestreaming a video that begins in front of La Gitana. He confronts the bartender about two new signs on the door of the business banning "Oathkeepers, militias, Veteran's on Patrol and 3%." He asks if supporters of these entities were also banned, with the bartender telling him that supporters are included. She explains the ban is necessary because the Oathkeepers that came in the previous day were aggressive to customers and came in with an open container, a violation of State laws and business rules.

A relatively contained (b) (6) turns away from the bar and heads across the street to stand in front of the Arivaca Humanitarian Aid Office, a building that collects donations to help sick or dehydrated migrants in the border zone. He discusses the donations the office accepts in another video, calls them an open borders, pro-child trafficking facility. Next, he heads over to the Mercantile and gets in his truck to talk some more about Arivaca and the people who live there.

Here he reveals some of his plans for the area, "We're going to surrender Arivaca and Ruby over to Mexico, we're going to allow Arivaca and Ruby to take care of every illegal we trap on their new property...we're going to build a wall north of the border...we've got OP's, we've got places...we're going to be busy. Wherever they're staging the water, we're gonna be there before it and every person they help cross and traffic, they can take care of them in this town. See how long they last without you guys coming down here and spending your money on child traffickers..." Although it is highly unlikely that he will be able to build a physical wall around Arivaca and Ruby, he mentions occupying state and federal lands surrounding Arivaca and "shutting down the route that's feeding up into the Alpha Zone."

He calls his new project "Operation Open Headache," since he claims it will give Arivacans "a migraine when we get done down here." How he will accomplish this is anyone's guess, but it seems he plans on targeting local businesses, who he claims are funded by the traffickers and cartels. His group also plans on running "ops" for an indefinite amount of time. He says, "We're just going to have to cut Arivaca and Ruby off from America," and "They don't want your business. Arivaca says no one wants your business. So we'll be shopping outside and we'll just see how much of an impact we'll have on this town when they're stuck with the illegals they're facilitating coming through." In a post from Friday afternoon, the group writes:

"CHILD ADVOCATES AND PATRIOTS ARE NOT WELCOME IN ARIVACCA (sic). #Insanity

Those who support Child/Human/Dope Trafficking have made it known that those who oppose illegal Trafficking are not welcome.

That's okay, we are just utilizing our National Parks, Public Lands, and Allied Private Properties to build a Net North of Arivacca (sic).

We'll be keeping an eye on the BP Agents targeted by these criminals as well. #VOP"

In Friday's video, (b) (6) mentions investigations of "abandoned" properties, or using drones to look for child sex trafficking evidence. He says that he will catch those who are "aiding and abetting" smugglers with the help of Arivacans he has spoken to who "don't like where they live." He warns that community members must stop criticizing (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)'s Arizona Border recon, a local militia group, and that those groups who attack AZBR are "stationed right here in enemy territory."

Where this goes is anyone's guess, but between (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and the disgruntled local stalker, it seems there's enough personality in town to create some conflicts. A community meeting is being planned to discuss these developments and to share impressions and knowledge about the situation. Connection will also be reaching out to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) to try and get an interview about his plans and intentions for our community and hope there is a path forward that is cooperative and peaceful.

I want to leave you with the words of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), from his July 22nd column in the Arizona Daily Star: "Everybody, it seems, is either afraid of (b) (6), and his followers or worried that any attempt to arrest him will turn into a standoff with violent potential. It's true that as long as (b) (6), is holed up in the tower, he's in a cell of his own making. But he's continuing to tell a global audience of thousands that specific local people, ranchers and companies are pedophiles or child sex traffickers, or are protecting them. And he whips up an online mob daily.

Ignoring (b) (6), tolerating him and waiting him out lets him and his followers continue to hurt and intimidate innocent people who deserve protection." Resources in comments. Please share.



From: DRT (b)(7)(F)  
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (b)(7)(E)  
(b)(7)(E)  
(b)(7)(E) KARISCH, RODOLFO (b)(7)(E)  
Subject: Commissioner's Significant Incident Report for May 9, 2017  
Date: Tuesday, May 9, 2017 7:58:12 AM

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**U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION  
SITUATION ROOM COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

This is the Report for 5/09/2017

**San Ysidro/Otay Mesa**

Date of Incident: 5/7/2017

SIR Number: (b)(7)(E)

Location: San Ysidro, CA

Type of Incident: Media Interest /National

On May 8, 2017, CBP officers from the San Ysidro, California POE reported that on May 7, 2017, a meeting of a group called "Refugee Caravan 2017" cancelled their meeting at Friendship Park and instead held their meeting at a mall in Tijuana, Mexico. After the meeting, the group went to the San Ysidro, California POE where seventy eight people applied for asylum. Media attention is expected as the Mother Jones news organization has been following the group and reporting on its progress. No officers were interviewed and no statements were provided to media by officers.

(b) (7) (E)

(b) (7)(E)



(b) (7)(E)

DRT- (b) (7)(E)

Office: (b) (7)(E)

(b) (7)(E) Cellular Lines:

(b) (7)(E)

dream or a sign of its demise. Those past debates — most visible during elections in 1994 and 2010 — may offer some insight into the issue's political rewards and risks. For starters, neither effort sprang from measurable public anger. In 1993, a Los Angeles Times poll found only 2% of voters surveyed cited immigration as the state's top problem. Jobs and the economy were more pressing, they said. Nor were things boiling over in late 2009, when 3% of respondents picked illegal immigration as the biggest problem in a poll by the Public Policy Institute of California. And yet Republican leaders of the time insisted otherwise... Fast forward to May 2016, just before the state's current debate, and a remarkably similar snapshot: Only 6% of likely voters in a PPIC poll saw illegal immigration as the biggest issue. Five times as many said it was jobs and the economy. More than a dozen California Republicans suggested otherwise when they sounded the alarm on illegal immigration last week with President Trump. "It is a crisis — that's the point we're at in California," Assemblywoman Melissa Melendez (R-Lake Elsinore) said at a White House meeting, with Trump sitting next to her and nodding in agreement. Statistics from U.S. Customs and Border Protection suggest otherwise. When comparing the past seven months to the same time period in 2017, there's been no growth in the total number of adults and families detained along California's portion of the border. The only growth — and it's been sizable — is in the number of unaccompanied children crossing.

#### **14. Abandoning NAFTA would be catastrophic for state economies**

(The Hill; 11.9M uvm; Washington, D.C.) ... Karla Jones

The economic future of the United States, especially as it relates to free and open trade with our two biggest trading partners, Canada and Mexico, depends in large part on the outcome of the Trump administration's renegotiation of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). That is why 13 state lawmakers from across the country have written a letter urging the president to reinforce America's commitment to this highly beneficial trade agreement. There can be no doubt that NAFTA has benefitted the national economy in the 24 years since its adoption. NAFTA has generated greater economic activity by American businesses and has reduced the prices that Americans pay for the goods that they buy every day... States have been major beneficiaries, too, with Canada and Mexico ranking among the top three trading partners for all but one of the 50 states. The crucial role that NAFTA has played in linking American businesses of all sizes with new markets is just one reason state lawmakers are vocally supporting the preservation of the agreement.

## **IMMIGRATION**

#### **15. Ann Coulter on the status of Trump's immigration agenda**

(FOX News; 32.5M uvm)

**VIDEO:** Media distort President Trump's 'animal' comment in reference to MS-13. Columnist sounds off.

#### **16. Parents, children ensnared in 'zero-tolerance' border prosecutions**

(Arizona Daily Star; 431k uvm; Tucson, AZ) ... Curt Prendergast and Perla

## Trevizo

Alma Jacinto covered her eyes with her hands as tears streamed down her cheeks. The 36-year-old from Guatemala was led out of the federal courtroom without an answer to the question that brought her to tears: When would she see her boys again? Jacinto wore a yellow bracelet on her left wrist, which defense lawyers said identifies parents who are arrested with their children and prosecuted in Operation Streamline, a fast-track program for illegal border crossers... Parents who cross the border illegally with their children may face criminal charges as federal prosecutors in Tucson follow through on a recent directive from Attorney General Jeff Sessions to prosecute all valid cases, said U.S. Attorney's Office spokesman Cosme Lopez. U.S. Customs and Border Protection started referring families caught crossing illegally for prosecution several weeks ago, Lopez said. Those prosecutions unfold both in Streamline cases and through individual prosecutions.

## DHS NEWS

### **17. Donald Trump's border chief Kirstjen Nielsen risks axe over lack of wall**

(The Sunday Times; United Kingdom) ... Toby Harnden

Under fire from the right for his failure to curb illegal immigration and to build a wall on the Mexican border, President Donald Trump is poised to sack his homeland security chief, according to Republican sources. Kirstjen Nielsen was appointed to lead the department in charge of immigration enforcement just five months ago, but has struggled to manage the sprawling agency and has come to be viewed with intense suspicion by Trump, the sources say. At a cabinet meeting this month, he is said to have thundered at Nielsen: "Why don't you have solutions? How is this still happening? We need to shut it down. We're closed." Trump is furious that illegal immigration has risen this year. He outraged pro-immigration activists last week by saying...

## OF INTEREST

### **18. Mexican presidential candidate vows to fire back at Trump's 'offensive' tweets**

(The Hill; 11.9M uvm; Washington, D.C.) ... Morgan Gstalter

A leading candidate in Mexico's presidential race vowed to fire back at President Trump if he continues to insult Mexico on Twitter, Yahoo News reported. "If he makes an offensive tweet, I'm going to take responsibility for answering him," Andrés Manuel López Obrador said Friday. Trump has regularly attacked Mexico in speeches and on Twitter since he launched his presidential campaign in 2015. López Obrador, the former mayor of Mexico City, said Trump needs to respect Mexican people. "I think (Trump) is going to understand he has to get himself under control, that he can't go around offending the Mexican people. We don't want confrontations with him, but we are going to ask him to respect us," he said during a campaign rally.

### **19. Is the term 'tonc' an acronym or a derogatory term for migrants?**

(Arizona Republic; 10.8M uvm; Phoenix, AZ) ... Daniel González and Rafael Carranza

"Toncs in the barn." A Border Patrol agent texted that message on Jan. 17, moments before agents, assisted by Pima County sheriff's deputies, swarmed a building in Ajo known as "the Barn" in southwestern Arizona... The term "tonc" is not a well-known, but the text suggest the term is routinely used by Border Patrol agents. But what does "tonc" mean? Is it simply an acronym, as some say? Or is it a derogatory slur used by Border Patrol agents to refer negatively to immigrants in the country illegally? It's unclear whether the term "tonc" — which sometimes is also spelled "tonk" — is an official acronym or a derogatory slur for undocumented immigrants... "It is used to describe an individual who has not yet been intensively interviewed by the Border Patrol to determine his or her country of origin. ... Let me be very clear: 'Tonk' is not a term or racial derision; it is a temporary geographic description." a self-described retired Border Patrol agent who blogs anonymously under the name "Agent Nowhere Man," who says the term "Tonk" is an acronym that stands for "Territory of Origin Not Known." Border Patrol agent Chris Sullivan, a spokesman for the Border Patrol's Tucson Sector, which includes Ajo, said the agency could not comment because the term is part of an ongoing court case... Another person who identified himself as a Border Patrol agent on the online forum Reddit said the term is commonly used, after a reader asked if he ever uses the word "tonk." "It's a common term. And really it's 'tonc' and it originated from the acronym Temporarily Outside Native Country. In response to another question, however, the agent gives a different answer. "Read an article online saying border patrol agents nickname illegals 'tonks' because 'that's the sound a maglite flashlight makes when it (hits) the back of their head.' How accurate is this?" the agent is asked... The agent responds, "we don't carry the big maglites anymore, now we carry smaller 'Stingers' ... not tonks anymore, now they're 'tinks'."

## **SOCIAL MEDIA ANALYSIS**

### **Overall**

- Social Media increased by 7%, up to 4,106 total posts. Twitter comprised 89% of total posts.
- The top shared URL (774 shares) linked to a May 15 *CNN* article, "Border Patrol failed to count hundreds of migrant deaths on US soil."
- The second top shared URL (303 shares) linked to the *Breitbart* article, "Border Patrol Agents Bust 8 More Bangladeshis at Texas Border."

### **Twitter**

- @kylegriffin1 posted a link to the May 15 *CNN* article, "Border Patrol failed to count hundreds of migrant deaths on US soil." The post was the top tweet, with 911 retweets, 923 likes, and 23 replies.

- @THETXEMBASSY posted a link to the *Breitbart* article, “Border Patrol Agents Bust 8 More Bangladeshis at Texas Border.” The post was the second top tweet, with 113 retweets, 97 likes, and 3 replies.

## Other Platforms

- INSTAGRAM: Instagram post by user k9graf (1,182 followers), a BP K9, “standing guard,” at a wire fence. The post mentioned the white Winnebago in the background and referenced the tv series “Breaking Bad.” The post garnered 171 likes.

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**From:** [CHAVEZ, FELIX](#)  
**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** FW: Media Contact  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 23, 2016 5:28:26 PM  
**Attachments:** [Militia Group Media Interaction BPA \(b\) \(6\), \(b\) \(7\)\(C\).pdf](#)

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Fysa, I don't know who needs them

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 23, 2016 3:25 PM  
**To:** CHAVEZ, FELIX (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
**Subject:** FW: Media Contact

Additional info – the attached memo is one that was in the packet I sent a few ago

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 23, 2016 2:57 PM  
**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Cc:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** FW: Media Contact

Sir.

Routed to sector October 26. This was the memo from agent doing talking. Today you received the memos from all three agents present.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
Deputy Patrol Agent in Charge  
(b) (7)(E)  
Desk: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
Cell: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 26, 2016 8:45:42 AM  
**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Cc:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** FW: Media Contact

Sir,

Please see attached and below. Please watch the link before trying to read everything so you can see what transpired. I will be collected memos from two additional agents. Please advise what course of action we will be taking.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)



Deputy Patrol Agent in Charge

(b) (7)(E) Station

Office (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Cell (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 26, 2016 2:15 AM

**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**Subject:** RE: Media Contact

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 26, 2016 1:34 AM

**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**Subject:** Media Contact

Gents,

BPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) notified me of an incident involving the media and a militia group that occurred on April 12, 2016.

BPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) reported he made contact with a militia group in the (b) (7)(E) AOR after a sighting by an (b) (7)(E). Believing they were aliens, he responded to the area and discovered they were militia members from "Three Percent, United Patriots Militia". While speaking with them he was being surreptitiously recorded by an undercover journalist who was posing as a member. The journalist was from Mother Jones. BPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) allowed me to read his memo prior to officially submitting it, and he made some unprofessional remarks while speaking candidly.

After his memo is reviewed by a Union official I will turn it in.

BPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was made aware of this by a text message he received from a friend who informed him that an agent assigned to TCA PAO is aware of the incident/"interview".

Mother Jones has posted their undercover investigation regarding militias on You Tube, where you will see BPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Also....

[www.motherjones.com/.../undercover-border-militia-immigration-](http://www.motherjones.com/.../undercover-border-militia-immigration-) (b) (6)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Watch Commander

U.S. Border Patrol

(b) (7)(E)

Office: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
Cell: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (7)(E)

(b) (7)(E)



U.S. Customs and  
Border Protection

October 26, 2016

MEMORANDUM FOR: Paul A. Beeson  
Chief Patrol Agent  
Tucson Sector

FROM: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
Border Patrol Agent  
(b) (7)(E) Arizona

SUBJECT: Unintended Media Interaction

On October 25, 2016, I was informed of a news article published in the recently released November/December issue of Mother Jones and an accompanying video (in the same article) containing comments made by me. These comments were recorded by a reporter named (b) (6) (b) (6) who was embedded with the militia group unbeknownst to them who recorded my comments without any of our knowledge. Upon finding out about this article I immediately informed my Watch Commander (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) who then requested a memorandum.

On April 12, 2016, I was assigned to assist with (b) (7)(E) As part of this assignment I was tasked with (b) (7)(E) pass on activity from the previous shift, and work activity in the (b) (7)(E) area of responsibility if I'm available.

At approximately 10:30 p.m., I was dispatched to an area known as the (b) (7)(E) because an (b) (7)(E) of four groups of three bodies moving north. Border Patrol Agents (BPA) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and I moved into separate positions and interdicted the first group. Upon encountering three armed individuals all wearing armor and with night vision devices it was learned that they were all United States Citizens and were part of the 3% United Patriots militia. We then waited for all four groups to regroup and walked with them to (b) (7)(E) where they were eventually picked up.

While at (b) (7)(E) talked with the militia members while unknowingly being recorded by a reporter named (b) (6) identifies me as (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and quotes me throughout his article and in the video with the following quotes; "I love my job, I have days where I'm like fuck this. This is the worst mistake I've ever made. But most of the time if I sit back and I think about it, I come in and play hide and seek, steal weed off of people, steal vehicles from people-legally and watch Netflix". "I love having y'all out here, man. It impresses me that you guys come out and do my job for me for no pay at all." "Give me a good heads-up

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

next time you guys are gonna come down. If you plan on coming to the (b) (7)(E) area, since you're out in Colorado maybe I can take a trip out and give you guys an unauthorized brief. Or at least give you something in writing so you guys can brief and whatnot." "Then when y'all get down here I can link up with you again and whatnot." "He says he does the same with another militia that does ops down here". "You didn't hear this shit from me," When asked by one member of the group where would be a good location for them to set up an observation post, I stated (b) (7)(E) Perfect.". I then proceeded to show the group how to get to the (b) (7)(E) likely crossing points along the road (low points), and high points you can see from the (b) (7)(E) while conducting my cut of the (b) (7)(E)

(b) (7)(E)

future. The entire interaction lasted no longer than 30 minutes and did not prevent me from responding to any other duties. If I had known there was media embedded with the group I would not have spoken with them at all. I did not at any time talk about (b) (7)(E) locations, how we conduct our operations, or our manpower numbers. I have not had any further contact with this group.

## ARTICLE 31 B (3) ADVISEMENT

Advisement of Union representation as explained in Article 31 B (3) of the Labor Management Contract. (Revised 1/95).

Article 31 B (3)

The Service agrees to prior to taking a written or sworn statement from an employee, or when an employee is going to be interrogated before witnesses which may lead to disciplinary action against the employee, he or she will be advised in writing of his or her right to be represented by the Union.

This form is to serve as written advisement of right to Union Representation as stated above.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

/ Supervisor's Signature

10/26/2016

Date of Advisement

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Employee's Signature

10/26/16

Date of Receipt

**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**To:** [CHAVEZ, FELIX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Media Contact  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 23, 2016 5:24:30 PM  
**Attachments:** [Militia Group Media Interaction BPA \(b\) \(6\), \(b\) \(7\)\(C\).pdf](#)

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Additional info – the attached memo is one that was in the packet I sent a few ago

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 23, 2016 2:57 PM  
**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Cc:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
>  
**Subject:** FW: Media Contact

Sir.

Routed to sector October 26. This was the memo from agent doing talking. Today you received the memos from all three agents present.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
Deputy Patrol Agent in Charge  
(b) (7)(E) Station  
Desk: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
Cell: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 26, 2016 8:45:42 AM  
**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Cc:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** FW: Media Contact

Sir,

Please see attached and below. Please watch the link before trying to read everything so you can see what transpired. I will be collected memos from two additional agents. Please advise what course of action we will be taking.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
Deputy Patrol Agent in Charge  
(b) (7)(E) Station  
Office (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
Cell (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 26, 2016 2:15 AM

To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Subject: RE: Media Contact

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From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Sent: Wednesday, October 26, 2016 1:34 AM

To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Subject: Media Contact

Gents,

BPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) notified me of an incident involving the media and a militia group that occurred on April 12, 2016.

BPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) reported he made contact with a militia group in th (b) (7)(E) AOR after a sighting by an (b) (7)(E). Believing they were aliens, he responded to the area and discovered they were militia members from "Three Percent, United Patriots Militia". While speaking with them he was being surreptitiously recorded by an undercover journalist who was posing as a member. The journalist was from Mother Jones. BPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) allowed me to read his memo prior to officially submitting it, and he made some unprofessional remarks while speaking candidly.

After his memo is reviewed by a Union official I will turn it in.

BPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was made aware of this by a text message he received from a friend who informed him that an agent assigned to TCA PAO is aware of the incident/"interview".

Mother Jones has posted their undercover investigation regarding militias on You Tube, where you will see BPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Also....

[www.motherjones.com/.../undercover-border-militia-immigration-](http://www.motherjones.com/.../undercover-border-militia-immigration-) (b) (6)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Watch Commander

U.S. Border Patrol

(b) (7)(E)

Office: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Cell: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**From:** [CHAVEZ, FELIX](#)  
**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** RE: News media and YouTube Posting Regarding the Border Patrol in Arizona  
**Date:** Saturday, October 29, 2016 1:35:31 PM

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Let's discuss on Monday

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 29, 2016 6:23:38 PM  
**To:** CHAVEZ, FELIX  
**Subject:** RE: News media and YouTube Posting Regarding the Border Patrol in Arizona

10-4 I need to find out (b) (7)(E)  
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**From:** CHAVEZ, FELIX  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 29, 2016 8:54:32 AM  
**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** FW: News media and YouTube Posting Regarding the Border Patrol in Arizona

Here are the videos you told me about.....as you can see OIG has it

Sent via I-Phone  
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (cell)

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**From:** Leonard, Paul  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 27, 2016 12:55:18 AM  
**To:** BEESON, PAUL A; CHAVEZ, FELIX  
**Cc:** Kennedy, Michele; (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
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Paul Leonard  
Special Agent in Charge  
DHS OIG  
Tucson Field Office  
(520) 229-(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

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**To:** [CHAVEZ, FELIX](#)  
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(b) (7)(E)

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**From:** CHAVEZ, FELIX  
**To:** PADILLA, MANUEL JR  
**Cc:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** FW: Daily Media Summary - May 20, 2018  
**Date:** Sunday, May 20, 2018 8:38:36 PM  
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Chief

Did (b) (6), (b) (7) brief you back on the (b) (7)(E) ? Apparently its (b) (7)(E)  
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) thinks it is the solution....i tried to explain to him  
there is no silver bullet. (b) (7)(E)  
(b) (7)(E) .beyond that, I am not convinced... (b) (7)(E)  
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presented....

as an aside.....Interesting comment by Chief Provost:

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**From:** Media Analyst (General) [mailto:(b) (7)(E)]  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 20, 2018 7:16 AM  
**To:** Media Analyst (General) (b) (7)(E)  
**Subject:** Daily Media Summary - May 20, 2018

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## Daily Media Summary May 20, 2018

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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- Coverage of Jason Davis, the BP agent charged with “receipt of material containing or constituting child pornography,” sustained. Local outlet Illinois outlet Jacksonville-Journal Courier, local New Mexico outlets Artesia Daily Press and Santa Fe New Mexican reprinted an Associated Press article. Local New Mexico outlet KRQE-TV also reported on the storyline.

## TOP NEWS

### 1. [Border Patrol Agents Bust 8 More Bangladeshis at Texas Border](#) (Breitbart; 19.1M uvm) ... Bob Price

Laredo Sector Border Patrol agents arrested eight more Bangladeshi nationals after they illegally crossed the border in south Laredo. The arrests occurred in an area where agents arrested more than 230 Bangladeshis this fiscal year. “They are not trying to hide or escape,” Laredo Sector Assistant Chief Patrol Agent Gabriel Acosta told *Breitbart Texas* in a phone interview. “They walk right up to an agent and claim ‘credible fear.’” The Laredo Sector accounts for more than 60 percent of Bangladeshi nationals arrested along the entire southwest border with Mexico, Acosta explained. “They are paying more than \$25,000 to the smugglers to be transported through Mexico into Texas.”... “Laredo is a prime target for these ruthless smugglers because of our sector’s shortage of manpower and the lack of a physical barrier,” U.S. Border Patrol Agent Hector Garza explained in an interview with *Breitbart Texas* on Thursday. “We have 170 miles of river border with Mexico. Not one mile of that border has a physical barrier. We are wide open for these drug and human smugglers.”

### 2. [Militia say they help Border Patrol catch immigrants in South Texas ranch lands](#) (KENS-TV; 446k uvm; San Antonio, TX) ... Oscar Margain

**VIDEO:** About five miles north of the nearest Border Patrol checkpoint in Falfurrias, Texas, and 75 miles north of the border with Mexico, is the Vickers Ranch. It’s a 1,000-acre property home to Dr. Mike Vickers, a local veterinarian. Dr. Vickers is one of the original founders of the Texas Border Volunteers, which broke off from the Texas Minutemen Militia about 13 years ago. The TVB is comprised of more than 300 citizen soldiers. About two dozen members meet once or twice a month at the Vickers

Ranch to conduct what they call “border watches.”... “We have agreements with the individual ranchers to go out to their private property, and with that comes responsibility on our part to do things correctly,” Boles said. “We’re not cops. We don’t capture anybody, we don’t arrest anybody, we arrange for their capture.” These armed volunteers are organized in response to what they consider a lack of federal resources, to stem the flow of undocumented immigrants through their ranchlands... “Border Patrol does not have the resources to come out here and watch these trails, and that’s what we do. We fill a void that they can’t fill,” Dr. Vickers said. “This has evolved over all these years, working hand-in-hand with these Border Patrol agents.” We tried asking the acting Border Patrol Chief Carla Provost if collaborating with militia groups helps or hinders the agency’s mission but were cut off and told it was too local of a question for her to respond to.

**3. Border Patrol supervisor allegedly uploaded child porn**  
(KRQE-TV; 441k uvm; Albuquerque, NM)

A Border Patrol supervisor in New Mexico has been arrested for child pornography. Jason Christopher Davis, a 45-year-old from Las Cruces was booked into jail Wednesday. According to a criminal complaint, officials caught Davis after he allegedly used an email to upload a video file containing child porn last month. Davis made his first appearance in federal court Friday.

**4. Border Patrol supervisor arrested in child porn case**  
(Associated Press)

U.S. prosecutors in New Mexico say a supervisory U.S. Border Patrol agent is being held in a federal child pornography case. The office says 45-year-old Jason Christopher Davis of Las Cruces made his first federal court appearance Friday on a criminal complaint charging him with receipt of material containing or constituting child pornography. Davis is in federal custody pending a preliminary hearing and detention hearing Wednesday. The public defender who has been appointed to represent him did not immediately respond to a request for comment. The criminal complaint says Davis is suspected of receiving child pornography in April. It says Las Cruces police executed a search warrant on an email account linked to Davis.

## NEWS INDEX

### BORDER SECURITY

#### *Along U.S. Borders*

**5. El Paso woman living in Montana detained by Border Patrol for speaking Spanish**  
(KVIA-TV; 532k uvm; El Paso, TX) ... Jerry Najera

In a video making the rounds on social media, a Border Patrol agent in the state of Montana detained an El Paso woman and her friend for speaking Spanish...The

video that surfaced this week has many questioning his actions. It happened in the state of Montana and the woman who was detained was born in El Paso. "I needed some eggs and my friend needed some milk for her daughter and we decided to go there," Ana Suda said. Suda, who was born in El Paso and raised in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, says she and a friend were at a convenience store and about to pay for their items. "I was next in line when I heard my friend say something in Spanish and then I looked and it was this Border Patrol behind me," Suda said. Suda told ABC-7 the agent stopped them in their tracks. "He asked where I was born, so I looked at him and I said, 'Are you serious?' He's, like, 'Yes, I'm serious,' but, you know, with a very authoritative voice," Suda said.

#### **6. Dozens Arrive at Nogales Border to Seek Asylum**

(Arizona Public Media; 31k uvm)

**VIDEO:** This week dozens of immigrants from Central America walked up to the Dennis DeConcini Port of Entry in Nogales and requested asylum. The men, women and children said they did not travel with an organized caravan. Kendal Blust, a reporter for the Nogales International, was among the first to report their stories. She told Lorraine Rivera what she learned about their reasons for seeking asylum and their plans after arriving at the border. In a statement to Arizona 360, Customs and Border Protection said the Department of Homeland Security does not "currently have a policy of separating families at the border for deterrence purposes."

### **TRADE**

#### **7. China Rejects U.S. Target for Narrowing Trade Gap**

(Wall Street Journal; 43.6M uvm) ... Bob Davis and Lingling Wei

A last-ditch effort by the Trump administration failed to get China to accept its demand for a \$200 billion cut in the U.S. bilateral trade deficit, as Chinese officials resisted committing to any specific targets after two days of contentious negotiations. The two days of deliberations in Washington ended with both sides arguing all night on Friday over what to say in a joint statement, people briefed on the matter said. The Chinese had come willing to step up purchases of U.S. merchandise as a measure to narrow China's \$375 billion trade advantage. But U.S. negotiators pushed the Chinese delegates to approve a specific target of \$200 billion in additional Chinese purchases. The Chinese refused any such target in specific dollar amounts, and the matter is now in the hands of President Donald Trump and President Xi Jinping, the people said. The two sides released a joint statement shortly after the Chinese delegation was scheduled to return home, but it made no reference to the specific purchasing amounts that the U.S. had wanted. "Both sides agreed on meaningful increases in United States agriculture and energy exports," the statement said, adding that "the delegations also discussed expanding trade in manufactured goods and services. There was consensus on the need to create favorable conditions to increase trade in these areas."

#### **8. U.S. and China Tout Trade Talks as Success, but Leave the Details for**

## Later

(New York Times; 29.8M uvm) ... Ana Swanson

China will increase its purchase of American goods and services in order to reduce the multibillion-dollar trade imbalance with the United States, the two countries said in a joint statement Saturday. How much the imbalance will be reduced remains to be seen. Trump administration officials had said during negotiations this week that China was prepared to make up to \$200 billion in additional purchases. Notably absent from Saturday's announcement were any dollar figures — or a sense of the scale of the agreed-upon increases. The White House said that China had committed to buying more agriculture and energy exports, but noted that American officials would at some point go to China to work out the details of their agreement. "To meet the growing consumption needs of the Chinese people and the need for high-quality economic development, China will significantly increase purchases of United States goods and services," said the statement. "This will help support growth and employment in the United States."

### **9. Norpac blasts bill to pause tariffs on Canadian newsprint**

(The Daily News; 197k uvm; Longview, WA) ... Zack Hale

Ten U.S. senators have backed a bill that would pause border taxes on Canadian newsprint imports enacted earlier this year at the request of the Norpac paper mill in Longview. Proponents of the bill argue it will offer a lifeline to the publishing industry, which has been hit by sharp increases in the cost of newsprint, a product Norpac manufactures. But opponents — including the CEO of the 350-employee Longview paper mill — say the bill would set a dangerous precedent for future investigations into allegations of unfair trade practices. The PRINT Act, introduced Monday by U.S. Sens. Susan Collins (R-Maine) and Angus King (I-Maine), would halt the collection of countervailing duties and antidumping duties on Canadian newsprint. At the same time, the bill would also direct the U.S. Department of Commerce to study the economic health of the printing and publishing industries. Uncoated groundwood paper — otherwise known as newsprint — is used by newspapers, book publishers and commercial printers.

## **WORKFORCE**

### **10. U.S. customs to hire dozens of officers as foreign travel surges at LAX**

(Los Angeles Times; 23.9M uvm) ... Hugo Martin

With international travel to Los Angeles continuing to grow, U.S. Customs and Border Protection is for the first time in 10 years accepting applications for dozens of new officers to work at Los Angeles International Airport. The number of customs officers working at LAX has diminished through normal attrition and those that remain are under increasing pressure to screen a surge in international travelers flying into LAX, said Claudia Canizalez, a representative for the agency. Under normal circumstances, she said, the federal agency hires new officers and assigns them primarily to work near the border in Texas, Arizona and Southern California. But now



new job applicants can specifically request to fill one of several dozen openings at LAX, Canizalez said. "We need the help," she said of staffing at LAX. "We definitely need the help."

### **11. Border Patrol Agent Sentenced for Helping Smuggle Drugs**

(Breitbart; 19.1M uvm) ... Bob Price

A federal judge in Arizona sentenced a former Border Patrol to seven and a half years in prison for his role in helping smuggle marijuana into Arizona. The agent received bribes for assisting in the smuggling effort. The judge sentenced Alberto Michel, 41, to spend 90 months in prison after he and two other men agreed to smuggle drugs into the U.S. from Mexico last year, AZ Central reported. Agent Michel began serving in the Border Patrol in 2009. He admitted to investigators that he provided counter-surveillance during smuggling operations utilizing information he obtained as an Intelligence Unit agent, the Arizona news outlet reported. The former agents also passed along information to the smugglers about "law enforcement interdiction practices" and how to thwart those practices. In exchange for the intelligence information, the agents received about two payments of \$12,000 each, according to the plea agreement. This amounted to about \$40 per pound of the smuggled marijuana.

## **OPINION**

### **12. America's 150-Year Opioid Epidemic**

(New York Times; 29.8M uvm) ... Clinton Lawson

In researching opium addiction in late-19th-century America, I've come across countless stories like Henderson's. What is striking is how, aside from some Victorian-era moralizing, they feel so familiar to a 21st-century reader: Henderson developed an addiction at a vulnerable point in her life, found doctors who enabled it and then self-destructed. She was just one of thousands of Americans who lost their lives to addiction between the 1870s and the 1920s. The late-19th-century opiate epidemic was nearly identical to the one now spreading across the United States. Back then, doctors began to prescribe a profitable and effective drug — morphine, taken via hypodermic needle — too liberally. After a decade of overprescribing it for minor ailments and even for issues related to mental illness, a colony of American junkies began to emerge. Most started out like Ella Henderson, who suffered from emotional trauma and chronic pain, for which she was prescribed copious amounts of morphine. She became addicted, was abandoned by the medical community and judged by her neighbors, and ultimately overdosed alone in her room. Her case mirrors the thousands of fentanyl and heroin overdoses that led President Trump in October to declare opioid abuse a public health emergency... In the case of the opioid epidemic, history is literally repeating itself. Once again, too many Americans are dying of drug overdoses, and too many already vulnerable communities are being torn apart. Like our predecessors at the turn of the last century, we are asking what can be done to change the situation. Unlike them, we already know the answers. They solved the quandary for us.

### **13. California's illegal immigration fight is back, and so are the political pitfalls for Republicans**

(Los Angeles Times; 23.9M uvm) ... John Myers

Few topics have been as incendiary in California as illegal immigration, with intense arguments about whether those who cross borders are a reminder of the American dream or a sign of its demise. Those past debates — most visible during elections in 1994 and 2010 — may offer some insight into the issue's political rewards and risks. For starters, neither effort sprang from measurable public anger. In 1993, a Los Angeles Times poll found only 2% of voters surveyed cited immigration as the state's top problem. Jobs and the economy were more pressing, they said. Nor were things boiling over in late 2009, when 3% of respondents picked illegal immigration as the biggest problem in a poll by the Public Policy Institute of California. And yet Republican leaders of the time insisted otherwise... Fast forward to May 2016, just before the state's current debate, and a remarkably similar snapshot: Only 6% of likely voters in a PPIC poll saw illegal immigration as the biggest issue. Five times as many said it was jobs and the economy. More than a dozen California Republicans suggested otherwise when they sounded the alarm on illegal immigration last week with President Trump. "It is a crisis — that's the point we're at in California," Assemblywoman Melissa Melendez (R-Lake Elsinore) said at a White House meeting, with Trump sitting next to her and nodding in agreement. Statistics from U.S. Customs and Border Protection suggest otherwise. When comparing the past seven months to the same time period in 2017, there's been no growth in the total number of adults and families detained along California's portion of the border. The only growth — and it's been sizable — is in the number of unaccompanied children crossing.

### **14. Abandoning NAFTA would be catastrophic for state economies**

(The Hill; 11.9M uvm; Washington, D.C.) ... Karla Jones

The economic future of the United States, especially as it relates to free and open trade with our two biggest trading partners, Canada and Mexico, depends in large part on the outcome of the Trump administration's renegotiation of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). That is why 13 state lawmakers from across the country have written a letter urging the president to reinforce America's commitment to this highly beneficial trade agreement. There can be no doubt that NAFTA has benefitted the national economy in the 24 years since its adoption. NAFTA has generated greater economic activity by American businesses and has reduced the prices that Americans pay for the goods that they buy every day... States have been major beneficiaries, too, with Canada and Mexico ranking among the top three trading partners for all but one of the 50 states. The crucial role that NAFTA has played in linking American businesses of all sizes with new markets is just one reason state lawmakers are vocally supporting the preservation of the agreement.

## **IMMIGRATION**

### **15. Ann Coulter on the status of Trump's immigration agenda**

(FOX News; 32.5M uvm)

**VIDEO:** Media distort President Trump's 'animal' comment in reference to MS-13. Columnist sounds off.

**16. Parents, children ensnared in 'zero-tolerance' border prosecutions**

(Arizona Daily Star; 431k uvm; Tucson, AZ) ... Curt Prendergast and Perla Trevizo

Alma Jacinto covered her eyes with her hands as tears streamed down her cheeks. The 36-year-old from Guatemala was led out of the federal courtroom without an answer to the question that brought her to tears: When would she see her boys again? Jacinto wore a yellow bracelet on her left wrist, which defense lawyers said identifies parents who are arrested with their children and prosecuted in Operation Streamline, a fast-track program for illegal border crossers... Parents who cross the border illegally with their children may face criminal charges as federal prosecutors in Tucson follow through on a recent directive from Attorney General Jeff Sessions to prosecute all valid cases, said U.S. Attorney's Office spokesman Cosme Lopez. U.S. Customs and Border Protection started referring families caught crossing illegally for prosecution several weeks ago, Lopez said. Those prosecutions unfold both in Streamline cases and through individual prosecutions.

**DHS NEWS**

**17. Donald Trump's border chief Kirstjen Nielsen risks axe over lack of wall**

(The Sunday Times; United Kingdom) ... Toby Harnden

Under fire from the right for his failure to curb illegal immigration and to build a wall on the Mexican border, President Donald Trump is poised to sack his homeland security chief, according to Republican sources. Kirstjen Nielsen was appointed to lead the department in charge of immigration enforcement just five months ago, but has struggled to manage the sprawling agency and has come to be viewed with intense suspicion by Trump, the sources say. At a cabinet meeting this month, he is said to have thundered at Nielsen: "Why don't you have solutions? How is this still happening? We need to shut it down. We're closed." Trump is furious that illegal immigration has risen this year. He outraged pro-immigration activists last week by saying...

**OF INTEREST**

**18. Mexican presidential candidate vows to fire back at Trump's 'offensive' tweets**

(The Hill; 11.9M uvm; Washington, D.C.) ... Morgan Gstalter

A leading candidate in Mexico's presidential race vowed to fire back at President Trump if he continues to insult Mexico on Twitter, Yahoo News reported. "If he makes

an offensive tweet, I'm going to take responsibility for answering him," Andrés Manuel López Obrador said Friday. Trump has regularly attacked Mexico in speeches and on Twitter since he launched his presidential campaign in 2015. López Obrador, the former mayor of Mexico City, said Trump needs to respect Mexican people. "I think (Trump) is going to understand he has to get himself under control, that he can't go around offending the Mexican people. We don't want confrontations with him, but we are going to ask him to respect us," he said during a campaign rally.

### **19. Is the term 'tonc' an acronym or a derogatory term for migrants?**

(Arizona Republic; 10.8M uvm; Phoenix, AZ) ... Daniel González and Rafael Carranza

"Toncs in the barn." A Border Patrol agent texted that message on Jan. 17, moments before agents, assisted by Pima County sheriff's deputies, swarmed a building in Ajo known as "the Barn" in southwestern Arizona... The term "tonc" is not a well-known, but the text suggest the term is routinely used by Border Patrol agents. But what does "tonc" mean? Is it simply an acronym, as some say? Or is it a derogatory slur used by Border Patrol agents to refer negatively to immigrants in the country illegally? It's unclear whether the term "tonc" — which sometimes is also spelled "tonk" — is an official acronym or a derogatory slur for undocumented immigrants... "It is used to describe an individual who has not yet been intensively interviewed by the Border Patrol to determine his or her country of origin. ... Let me be very clear: 'Tonk' is not a term or racial derision; it is a temporary geographic description." a self-described retired Border Patrol agent who blogs anonymously under the name "Agent Nowhere Man," who says the term "Tonk" is an acronym that stands for "Territory of Origin Not Known." Border Patrol agent Chris Sullivan, a spokesman for the Border Patrol's Tucson Sector, which includes Ajo, said the agency could not comment because the term is part of an ongoing court case... Another person who identified himself as a Border Patrol agent on the online forum Reddit said the term is commonly used, after a reader asked if he ever uses the word "tonk." "It's a common term. And really it's 'tonc' and it originated from the acronym Temporarily Outside Native Country. In response to another question, however, the agent gives a different answer. "Read an article online saying border patrol agents nickname illegals 'tonks' because 'that's the sound a maglite flashlight makes when it (hits) the back of their head.' How accurate is this?" the agent is asked... The agent responds, "we don't carry the big maglites anymore, now we carry smaller 'Stingers' ... not tonks anymore, now they're 'tinks'."

## **SOCIAL MEDIA ANALYSIS**

### **Overall**

- Social Media increased by 7%, up to 4,106 total posts. Twitter comprised 89% of total posts.
- The top shared URL (774 shares) linked to a May 15 *CNN* article, "Border Patrol failed to count hundreds of migrant deaths on US soil."
- The second top shared URL (303 shares) linked to the *Breitbart* article, "Border Patrol Agents Bust 8 More Bangladeshis at Texas Border."

## Twitter

- @kylegriffin1 posted a link to the May 15 *CNN* article, “Border Patrol failed to count hundreds of migrant deaths on US soil.” The post was the top tweet, with 911 retweets, 923 likes, and 23 replies.
- @THETXEMBASSY posted a link to the *Breitbart* article, “Border Patrol Agents Bust 8 More Bangladeshis at Texas Border.” The post was the second top tweet, with 113 retweets, 97 likes, and 3 replies.

## Other Platforms

- INSTAGRAM: Instagram post by user k9graf (1,182 followers), a BP K9, “standing guard,” at a wire fence. The post mentioned the white Winnebago in the background and referenced the tv series “Breaking Bad.” The post garnered 171 likes.

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Let's discuss on Monday

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
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**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** FW: Mother Jones Article  
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**From:** BEESON, PAUL A  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 23, 2016 1:52 PM  
**To:** CHAVEZ, FELIX (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
**Subject:** RE: Mother Jones Article

I talked to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) about it. She thinks there's more such stories on the way and of course the advocacy community is very concerned. She wanted us to have a heads up.

I'm concerned about the interactions between us and them as portrayed in the article.

You mentioned memos from agents. Can I see those next week?

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**From:** CHAVEZ, FELIX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 23, 2016 12:18:32 PM  
**To:** BEESON, PAUL A  
**Subject:** RE: Mother Jones Article

That is a brutal read!

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Remind me that I want to discuss the recent Mother Jones militia article when next we meet.

**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**To:** CHAVEZ, FELIX; (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
**Subject:** FW: Border Keepers of Arizona  
**Date:** Monday, May 1, 2017 6:34:12 PM  
**Attachments:** [Non-Law Enforcement Organization.docx](#)  
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FYI on militia plans to be in and around the (b) (7)(E) AOR

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Monday, May 01, 2017 2:16 PM  
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**Subject:** FW: Border Keepers of Arizona

FYSA...Militia in our area beginning today. See attached. We'll be in contact with them throughout their time here. There's only three of them right now, but more are expected. I included the other (b) (7)(E) PAICs for visibility as well as (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) since he and I spoke last week about potentially having (b) (7)(E) out in our AOR at some point, possibly in the (b) (7)(E) Thx

V/R,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
Patrol Agent In Charge  
(b) (7)(E) Station  
Tucson Sector

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# Non-Law Enforcement Organizations

Date: May 1, 2017  
From: Border Community Liaison / Internal Communications Branch  
To: Tucson Sector Command Staff  
Subject: Field Encounters with Non-Law Enforcement Organizations

## Background:

A non-law enforcement group known as the Border Keepers of Alabama requested a meeting today with the (b) (7)(E) Station Border Community Liaison unit today in front of the (b) (7)(E) Station. They informed us that they would have three members of their group setting up a camp in the (b) (7)(E) AOR, specifically in the (b) (7)(E) portion of the (b) (7)(E) (b) (7)(E). The purpose of the meeting was to announce their presence and intentions to the (b) (7)(E) Border Patrol Station's personnel.

## Members and Equipment:

There are three members present in the (b) (7)(E) Station's AOR, travelling in two vehicles.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

## Vehicle information:

- White Ford F-250 bearing Tennessee license plate (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
- Black GMC Denali truck bearing Alabama specialty plate (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

The group will be wearing camouflage fatigues and is outfitted with typical camping gear plus binoculars and one set of night vision goggles. Also, each member is legally armed with handguns and longarms for self-defense.

## Mission:

As stated by the members during our meeting, the mission of the Border Keepers of Alabama is to assist law-enforcement personnel in securing the nation's borders. Their intent is to set up a



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camp and report to the (b) (7)(E) Station anything they think may be illegal, cross-border activity. They were briefed and are aware that they are not to approach nor detain any subjects they may come across in the field; simply to report it to the (b) (7)(E) Border Patrol Station's (b) (7)(E) (b) (7)(E). They also informed us that their presence here at this time is to determine if, in their opinion, traffic warrants a larger presence from their organization at a later time.

**Summary:**

The organization was advised to notify the (b) (7)(E) Station of the specific location of their camp once they determine where it will be. They also agreed to notify the station when they break camp and leave the (b) (7)(E) AOR. (b) (7)(E) Station personnel have been reminded of their obligation to remain professional with all non-law enforcement organizations they may come across in the course of their duties, and of the reporting requirements pertaining to those encounters. Updates will be provided as soon as they are received.

**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**To:** [CHAVEZ, FELIX](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Daily Media Summary - May 20, 2018  
**Date:** Monday, May 21, 2018 8:41:24 AM  
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Well, good morning...grumpy

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**From:** CHAVEZ, FELIX  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 20, 2018 7:28 PM  
**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** FW: Daily Media Summary - May 20, 2018

Both you and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) can apparently be accused of stating the border is open....come on in? maybe a better message should be framed?

- , “Laredo is a prime target for these ruthless smugglers because of our sector’s shortage of manpower and the lack of a physical barrier

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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**From:** Media Analyst (General) [[mailto:](#) (b) (7)(E)]  
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**To:** Media Analyst (General) (b) (7)(E)  
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## Daily Media Summary May 20, 2018

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- *Breitbart* reported Border Patrol agents arrested eight more Bangladeshi nationals trying to illegally cross the U.S.-Mexico border south of Laredo. According to U.S. BP agent Hector Garza, “Laredo is a prime target for these ruthless smugglers because of our sector’s shortage of manpower and the lack of a physical barrier.” According to *Breitbart*, agents have arrested more than 230 Bangladeshi nationals total, this fiscal year. This storyline was the second most shared URL and the second top retweet on Twitter.
- *KENS-TV* covered the Texas Border Volunteers, a group of armed volunteers who, “[work] hand-in-hand with...Border Patrol agents.” The group’s founder, Dr. Vickers

stated the group, “[doesn’t] capture anybody, we don’t arrest anybody, we arrange for their capture,” by contacting local BP agents. *KENS-TV* tried to ask acting Border Patrol Chief Carla Provost if collaborating with militia groups helped or hindered the agency’s mission but was told it “was too local of a question for her to respond to.”

- Coverage of Jason Davis, the BP agent charged with “receipt of material containing or constituting child pornography,” sustained. Local outlet Illinois outlet Jacksonville-Journal Courier, local New Mexico outlets Artesia Daily Press and Santa Fe New Mexican reprinted an Associated Press article. Local New Mexico outlet KRQE-TV also reported on the storyline.

## TOP NEWS

### **1. Border Patrol Agents Bust 8 More Bangladeshis at Texas Border**

(Breitbart; 19.1M uvm) ... Bob Price

Laredo Sector Border Patrol agents arrested eight more Bangladeshi nationals after they illegally crossed the border in south Laredo. The arrests occurred in an area where agents arrested more than 230 Bangladeshis this fiscal year. “They are not trying to hide or escape,” Laredo Sector Assistant Chief Patrol Agent Gabriel Acosta told Breitbart Texas in a phone interview. “They walk right up to an agent and claim ‘credible fear.’” The Laredo Sector accounts for more than 60 percent of Bangladeshi nationals arrested along the entire southwest border with Mexico, Acosta explained. “They are paying more than \$25,000 to the smugglers to be transported through Mexico into Texas.”... “Laredo is a prime target for these ruthless smugglers because of our sector’s shortage of manpower and the lack of a physical barrier,” U.S. Border Patrol Agent Hector Garza explained in an interview with Breitbart Texas on Thursday. “We have 170 miles of river border with Mexico. Not one mile of that border has a physical barrier. We are wide open for these drug and human smugglers.”

### **2. Militia say they help Border Patrol catch immigrants in South Texas ranch lands**

(KENS-TV; 446k uvm; San Antonio, TX) ... Oscar Margain

**VIDEO:** About five miles north of the nearest Border Patrol checkpoint in Falfurrias, Texas, and 75 miles north of the border with Mexico, is the Vickers Ranch. It’s a 1,000-acre property home to Dr. Mike Vickers, a local veterinarian. Dr. Vickers is one of the original founders of the Texas Border Volunteers, which broke off from the Texas Minutemen Militia about 13 years ago. The TVB is comprised of more than 300 citizen soldiers. About two dozen members meet once or twice a month at the Vickers Ranch to conduct what they call “border watches.”... “We have agreements with the individual ranchers to go out to their private property, and with that comes responsibility on our part to do things correctly,” Boles said. “We’re not cops. We don’t capture anybody, we don’t arrest anybody, we arrange for their capture.” These armed volunteers are organized in response to what they consider a lack of federal resources, to stem the flow of undocumented immigrants through their ranchlands... “Border Patrol does not have the resources to come out here and watch these trails, and that’s what we do. We fill a void that they can’t fill,” Dr. Vickers said. “This has evolved over all these years, working hand-in-hand with these Border Patrol agents.” We tried asking the acting Border Patrol Chief Carla Provost if collaborating with militia groups helps or hinders the agency’s mission but were cut off and told it was too local of a question for her to respond to.

### **3. Border Patrol supervisor allegedly uploaded child porn**



(KRQE-TV; 441k uvm; Albuquerque, NM)

A Border Patrol supervisor in New Mexico has been arrested for child pornography. Jason Christopher Davis, a 45-year-old from Las Cruces was booked into jail Wednesday. According to a criminal complaint, officials caught Davis after he allegedly used an email to upload a video file containing child porn last month. Davis made his first appearance in federal court Friday.

#### **4. Border Patrol supervisor arrested in child porn case**

(Associated Press)

U.S. prosecutors in New Mexico say a supervisory U.S. Border Patrol agent is being held in a federal child pornography case. The office says 45-year-old Jason Christopher Davis of Las Cruces made his first federal court appearance Friday on a criminal complaint charging him with receipt of material containing or constituting child pornography. Davis is in federal custody pending a preliminary hearing and detention hearing Wednesday. The public defender who has been appointed to represent him did not immediately respond to a request for comment. The criminal complaint says Davis is suspected of receiving child pornography in April. It says Las Cruces police executed a search warrant on an email account linked to Davis.

## **NEWS INDEX**

### **BORDER SECURITY**

*Along U.S. Borders*

#### **5. El Paso woman living in Montana detained by Border Patrol for speaking Spanish**

(KVIA-TV; 532k uvm; El Paso, TX) ... Jerry Najera

In a video making the rounds on social media, a Border Patrol agent in the state of Montana detained an El Paso woman and her friend for speaking Spanish...The video that surfaced this week has many questioning his actions. It happened in the state of Montana and the woman who was detained was born in El Paso. "I needed some eggs and my friend needed some milk for her daughter and we decided to go there," Ana Suda said. Suda, who was born in El Paso and raised in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, says she and a friend were at a convenience store and about to pay for their items. "I was next in line when I heard my friend say something in Spanish and then I looked and it was this Border Patrol behind me," Suda said. Suda told ABC-7 the agent stopped them in their tracks. "He asked where I was born, so I looked at him and I said, 'Are you serious?' He's, like, 'Yes, I'm serious,' but, you know, with a very authoritative voice," Suda said.

#### **6. Dozens Arrive at Nogales Border to Seek Asylum**

(Arizona Public Media; 31k uvm)

**VIDEO:** This week dozens of immigrants from Central America walked up to the Dennis DeConcini Port of Entry in Nogales and requested asylum. The men, women and children said they did not travel with an organized caravan. Kendal Blust, a reporter for the Nogales International, was among the first to report their stories. She told Lorraine Rivera what she learned about their reasons for seeking asylum and their plans after arriving at the border. In

a statement to Arizona 360, Customs and Border Protection said the Department of Homeland Security does not "currently have a policy of separating families at the border for deterrence purposes."

## TRADE

### **7. China Rejects U.S. Target for Narrowing Trade Gap**

(Wall Street Journal; 43.6M uvm) ... Bob Davis and Lingling Wei

A last-ditch effort by the Trump administration failed to get China to accept its demand for a \$200 billion cut in the U.S. bilateral trade deficit, as Chinese officials resisted committing to any specific targets after two days of contentious negotiations. The two days of deliberations in Washington ended with both sides arguing all night on Friday over what to say in a joint statement, people briefed on the matter said. The Chinese had come willing to step up purchases of U.S. merchandise as a measure to narrow China's \$375 billion trade advantage. But U.S. negotiators pushed the Chinese delegates to approve a specific target of \$200 billion in additional Chinese purchases. The Chinese refused any such target in specific dollar amounts, and the matter is now in the hands of President Donald Trump and President Xi Jinping, the people said. The two sides released a joint statement shortly after the Chinese delegation was scheduled to return home, but it made no reference to the specific purchasing amounts that the U.S. had wanted. "Both sides agreed on meaningful increases in United States agriculture and energy exports," the statement said, adding that "the delegations also discussed expanding trade in manufactured goods and services. There was consensus on the need to create favorable conditions to increase trade in these areas."

### **8. U.S. and China Tout Trade Talks as Success, but Leave the Details for Later**

(New York Times; 29.8M uvm) ... Ana Swanson

China will increase its purchase of American goods and services in order to reduce the multibillion-dollar trade imbalance with the United States, the two countries said in a joint statement Saturday. How much the imbalance will be reduced remains to be seen. Trump administration officials had said during negotiations this week that China was prepared to make up to \$200 billion in additional purchases. Notably absent from Saturday's announcement were any dollar figures — or a sense of the scale of the agreed-upon increases. The White House said that China had committed to buying more agriculture and energy exports, but noted that American officials would at some point go to China to work out the details of their agreement. "To meet the growing consumption needs of the Chinese people and the need for high-quality economic development, China will significantly increase purchases of United States goods and services," said the statement. "This will help support growth and employment in the United States."

### **9. Norpac blasts bill to pause tariffs on Canadian newsprint**

(The Daily News; 197k uvm; Longview, WA) ... Zack Hale

Ten U.S. senators have backed a bill that would pause border taxes on Canadian newsprint imports enacted earlier this year at the request of the Norpac paper mill in Longview. Proponents of the bill argue it will offer a lifeline to the publishing industry, which has been hit by sharp increases in the cost of newsprint, a product Norpac manufactures. But opponents — including the CEO of the 350-employee Longview paper mill — say the bill would set a dangerous precedent for future investigations into allegations of unfair trade



practices. The PRINT Act, introduced Monday by U.S. Sens. Susan Collins (R-Maine) and Angus King (I-Maine), would halt the collection of countervailing duties and antidumping duties on Canadian newsprint. At the same time, the bill would also direct the U.S. Department of Commerce to study the economic health of the printing and publishing industries. Uncoated groundwood paper — otherwise known as newsprint — is used by newspapers, book publishers and commercial printers.

## **WORKFORCE**

### **10. U.S. customs to hire dozens of officers as foreign travel surges at LAX**

(Los Angeles Times; 23.9M uvm) ... Hugo Martin

With international travel to Los Angeles continuing to grow, U.S. Customs and Border Protection is for the first time in 10 years accepting applications for dozens of new officers to work at Los Angeles International Airport. The number of customs officers working at LAX has diminished through normal attrition and those that remain are under increasing pressure to screen a surge in international travelers flying into LAX, said Claudia Canizalez, a representative for the agency. Under normal circumstances, she said, the federal agency hires new officers and assigns them primarily to work near the border in Texas, Arizona and Southern California. But now new job applicants can specifically request to fill one of several dozen openings at LAX, Canizalez said. "We need the help," she said of staffing at LAX. "We definitely need the help."

### **11. Border Patrol Agent Sentenced for Helping Smuggle Drugs**

(Breitbart; 19.1M uvm) ... Bob Price

A federal judge in Arizona sentenced a former Border Patrol to seven and a half years in prison for his role in helping smuggle marijuana into Arizona. The agent received bribes for assisting in the smuggling effort. The judge sentenced Alberto Michel, 41, to spend 90 months in prison after he and two other men agreed to smuggle drugs into the U.S. from Mexico last year, AZ Central reported. Agent Michel began serving in the Border Patrol in 2009. He admitted to investigators that he provided counter-surveillance during smuggling operations utilizing information he obtained as an Intelligence Unit agent, the Arizona news outlet reported. The former agents also passed along information to the smugglers about "law enforcement interdiction practices" and how to thwart those practices. In exchange for the intelligence information, the agents received about two payments of \$12,000 each, according to the plea agreement. This amounted to about \$40 per pound of the smuggled marijuana.

## **OPINION**

### **12. America's 150-Year Opioid Epidemic**

(New York Times; 29.8M uvm) ... Clinton Lawson

In researching opium addiction in late-19th-century America, I've come across countless stories like Henderson's. What is striking is how, aside from some Victorian-era moralizing, they feel so familiar to a 21st-century reader: Henderson developed an addiction at a vulnerable point in her life, found doctors who enabled it and then self-destructed. She was just one of thousands of Americans who lost their lives to addiction between the 1870s and the 1920s. The late-19th-century opiate epidemic was nearly identical to the one now

spreading across the United States. Back then, doctors began to prescribe a profitable and effective drug — morphine, taken via hypodermic needle — too liberally. After a decade of overprescribing it for minor ailments and even for issues related to mental illness, a colony of American junkies began to emerge. Most started out like Ella Henderson, who suffered from emotional trauma and chronic pain, for which she was prescribed copious amounts of morphine. She became addicted, was abandoned by the medical community and judged by her neighbors, and ultimately overdosed alone in her room. Her case mirrors the thousands of fentanyl and heroin overdoses that led President Trump in October to declare opioid abuse a public health emergency... In the case of the opioid epidemic, history is literally repeating itself. Once again, too many Americans are dying of drug overdoses, and too many already vulnerable communities are being torn apart. Like our predecessors at the turn of the last century, we are asking what can be done to change the situation. Unlike them, we already know the answers. They solved the quandary for us.

### **13. California's illegal immigration fight is back, and so are the political pitfalls for Republicans**

(Los Angeles Times; 23.9M uvm) ... John Myers

Few topics have been as incendiary in California as illegal immigration, with intense arguments about whether those who cross borders are a reminder of the American dream or a sign of its demise. Those past debates — most visible during elections in 1994 and 2010 — may offer some insight into the issue's political rewards and risks. For starters, neither effort sprang from measurable public anger. In 1993, a Los Angeles Times poll found only 2% of voters surveyed cited immigration as the state's top problem. Jobs and the economy were more pressing, they said. Nor were things boiling over in late 2009, when 3% of respondents picked illegal immigration as the biggest problem in a poll by the Public Policy Institute of California. And yet Republican leaders of the time insisted otherwise... Fast forward to May 2016, just before the state's current debate, and a remarkably similar snapshot: Only 6% of likely voters in a PPIC poll saw illegal immigration as the biggest issue. Five times as many said it was jobs and the economy. More than a dozen California Republicans suggested otherwise when they sounded the alarm on illegal immigration last week with President Trump. "It is a crisis — that's the point we're at in California," Assemblywoman Melissa Melendez (R-Lake Elsinore) said at a White House meeting, with Trump sitting next to her and nodding in agreement. Statistics from U.S. Customs and Border Protection suggest otherwise. When comparing the past seven months to the same time period in 2017, there's been no growth in the total number of adults and families detained along California's portion of the border. The only growth — and it's been sizable — is in the number of unaccompanied children crossing.

### **14. Abandoning NAFTA would be catastrophic for state economies**

(The Hill; 11.9M uvm; Washington, D.C.) ... Karla Jones

The economic future of the United States, especially as it relates to free and open trade with our two biggest trading partners, Canada and Mexico, depends in large part on the outcome of the Trump administration's renegotiation of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). That is why 13 state lawmakers from across the country have written a letter urging the president to reinforce America's commitment to this highly beneficial trade agreement. There can be no doubt that NAFTA has benefitted the national economy in the 24 years since its adoption. NAFTA has generated greater economic activity by American businesses and has reduced the prices that Americans pay for the goods that they buy every day... States have been major beneficiaries, too, with Canada and Mexico ranking among

the top three trading partners for all but one of the 50 states. The crucial role that NAFTA has played in linking American businesses of all sizes with new markets is just one reason state lawmakers are vocally supporting the preservation of the agreement.

## **IMMIGRATION**

### **15. Ann Coulter on the status of Trump's immigration agenda**

(FOX News; 32.5M uvm)

**VIDEO:** Media distort President Trump's 'animal' comment in reference to MS-13. Columnist sounds off.

### **16. Parents, children ensnared in 'zero-tolerance' border prosecutions**

(Arizona Daily Star; 431k uvm; Tucson, AZ) ... Curt Prendergast and Perla Trevizo

Alma Jacinto covered her eyes with her hands as tears streamed down her cheeks. The 36-year-old from Guatemala was led out of the federal courtroom without an answer to the question that brought her to tears: When would she see her boys again? Jacinto wore a yellow bracelet on her left wrist, which defense lawyers said identifies parents who are arrested with their children and prosecuted in Operation Streamline, a fast-track program for illegal border crossers... Parents who cross the border illegally with their children may face criminal charges as federal prosecutors in Tucson follow through on a recent directive from Attorney General Jeff Sessions to prosecute all valid cases, said U.S. Attorney's Office spokesman Cosme Lopez. U.S. Customs and Border Protection started referring families caught crossing illegally for prosecution several weeks ago, Lopez said. Those prosecutions unfold both in Streamline cases and through individual prosecutions.

## **DHS NEWS**

### **17. Donald Trump's border chief Kirstjen Nielsen risks axe over lack of wall**

(The Sunday Times; United Kingdom) ... Toby Harnden

Under fire from the right for his failure to curb illegal immigration and to build a wall on the Mexican border, President Donald Trump is poised to sack his homeland security chief, according to Republican sources. Kirstjen Nielsen was appointed to lead the department in charge of immigration enforcement just five months ago, but has struggled to manage the sprawling agency and has come to be viewed with intense suspicion by Trump, the sources say. At a cabinet meeting this month, he is said to have thundered at Nielsen: "Why don't you have solutions? How is this still happening? We need to shut it down. We're closed." Trump is furious that illegal immigration has risen this year. He outraged pro-immigration activists last week by saying...

## **OF INTEREST**

### **18. Mexican presidential candidate vows to fire back at Trump's 'offensive' tweets**

(The Hill; 11.9M uvm; Washington, D.C.) ... Morgan Gstalter

A leading candidate in Mexico's presidential race vowed to fire back at President Trump if he continues to insult Mexico on Twitter, Yahoo News reported. "If he makes an offensive tweet,

I'm going to take responsibility for answering him," Andrés Manuel López Obrador said Friday. Trump has regularly attacked Mexico in speeches and on Twitter since he launched his presidential campaign in 2015. López Obrador, the former mayor of Mexico City, said Trump needs to respect Mexican people. "I think (Trump) is going to understand he has to get himself under control, that he can't go around offending the Mexican people. We don't want confrontations with him, but we are going to ask him to respect us," he said during a campaign rally.

#### **19. Is the term 'tonc' an acronym or a derogatory term for migrants?**

(Arizona Republic; 10.8M uvm; Phoenix, AZ) ... Daniel González and Rafael Carranza

"Toncs in the barn." A Border Patrol agent texted that message on Jan. 17, moments before agents, assisted by Pima County sheriff's deputies, swarmed a building in Ajo known as "the Barn" in southwestern Arizona... The term "tonc" is not a well-known, but the text suggest the term is routinely used by Border Patrol agents. But what does "tonc" mean? Is it simply an acronym, as some say? Or is it a derogatory slur used by Border Patrol agents to refer negatively to immigrants in the country illegally? It's unclear whether the term "tonc" — which sometimes is also spelled "tonk" — is an official acronym or a derogatory slur for undocumented immigrants... "It is used to describe an individual who has not yet been intensively interviewed by the Border Patrol to determine his or her country of origin. ... Let me be very clear: 'Tonk' is not a term or racial derision; it is a temporary geographic description." a self-described retired Border Patrol agent who blogs anonymously under the name "Agent Nowhere Man," who says the term "Tonk" is an acronym that stands for "Territory of Origin Not Known." Border Patrol agent Chris Sullivan, a spokesman for the Border Patrol's Tucson Sector, which includes Ajo, said the agency could not comment because the term is part of an ongoing court case... Another person who identified himself as a Border Patrol agent on the online forum Reddit said the term is commonly used, after a reader asked if he ever uses the word "tonk." "It's a common term. And really it's 'tonc' and it originated from the acronym Temporarily Outside Native Country. In response to another question, however, the agent gives a different answer. "Read an article online saying border patrol agents nickname illegals 'tonks' because 'that's the sound a maglite flashlight makes when it (hits) the back of their head.' How accurate is this?" the agent is asked... The agent responds, "we don't carry the big maglites anymore, now we carry smaller 'Stingers' ... not tonks anymore, now they're 'tinks'."

### **SOCIAL MEDIA ANALYSIS**

#### **Overall**

- Social Media increased by 7%, up to 4,106 total posts. Twitter comprised 89% of total posts.
- The top shared URL (774 shares) linked to a May 15 *CNN* article, "Border Patrol failed to count hundreds of migrant deaths on US soil."
- The second top shared URL (303 shares) linked to the *Breitbart* article, "Border Patrol Agents Bust 8 More Bangladeshis at Texas Border."

#### **Twitter**

- @kylegriffin1 posted a link to the May 15 *CNN* article, "Border Patrol failed to count hundreds of migrant deaths on US soil." The post was the top tweet, with 911 retweets, 923 likes, and 23 replies.

- @THETXEMBASSY posted a link to the *Breitbart* article, “Border Patrol Agents Bust 8 More Bangladeshis at Texas Border.” The post was the second top tweet, with 113 retweets, 97 likes, and 3 replies.

### Other Platforms

- INSTAGRAM: Instagram post by user k9graf (1,182 followers), a BP K9, “standing guard,” at a wire fence. The post mentioned the white Winnebago in the background and referenced the tv series “Breaking Bad.” The post garnered 171 likes.

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**(b) (7)(E)** Militia Group Encounter

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(b) (7)(E) was advised and will be conducting an interview to confirm this information with subject and will advise any other information gathered.

Subject Biographical

**(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)**  
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GPS Coordinates: (b) (7)(E)

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U.S. Customs and  
Border Protection

March 1, 2018

MEMORANDUM FOR:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Patrol Agent in Charge  
(b) (7)(E) Station

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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Acting Supervisory Border Patrol Agent  
(b) (7)(E) Station

SUBJECT:

Militia Group Encounter

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On January 30, 2018, at approximately 4:45 P.M., Border Patrol Agent (BPA) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) of (b) (7)(E) Station, responded to a citizen's report of possible marijuana bundles near (b) (7)(E). When she arrived on scene she made contact with the reporting party. The reporting party was (b) (6);(b) (7)(C) and the Arizona Border Recon group. BPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) reported the contact to me once she arrived back at (b) (7)(E) Station. She also stated that there was a journalist on scene. The identity of the journalist was not determined, and BPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) does not believe that she was being filmed during the encounter. BPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was not asked any questions during the encounter.

BPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) located and seized (b) (7)(E). The marijuana bundles were decayed, indicating that they had been in that location for a long time. This event is associated with (b) (7)(E) event number (b) (7)(E).

Apprehension location: (b) (7)(E)

This (b) (7)(E) was reviewed by Acting Watch Commander (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Supervisory Border Patrol Agent**  
(b) (7)(E) **Border Patrol Station**  
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)



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U.S. Customs and  
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January 30, 2018

MEMORANDUM FOR: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
Patrol Agent in Charge  
(b) (7)(E) Station

FROM: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
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## JTF-W, AZ MEDIA ACTIVITY, Nov. 23, 2016

### **Released by JTF-W in Arizona**

[Tucson Sector Border Patrol agents arrest three suspects](#) - KVOA Tucson News

[Border Patrol Arrests Previously Convicted Criminals](#) – publicnow.com

### **Also Reported by Arizona Media**

[Arizona's border fencing by the numbers](#)

AZFamily

The Arizona-Mexico border spans approximately 370 miles, but only a third of it has fencing designed to stop people on foot.

[Cementos de Chihuahua quiere hacer el muro](#) (*Cementos de Chihuahua wants to make the wall*)

Telemundo Arizona

We are an important producer in that area and we have to respect our customers on both sides of the border, "Cementos said in statements that have generated controversy.

[Border Groups Ready for Trump Administration](#)

Arizona Public Media

The Southern Border Communities Coalition, composed of 60 organizations from Arizona and the other three Mexican border states, is finalizing plans to fight Trump administration policies if they resemble what the president-elect promised in his campaign.

[EEUU refuerza control migratorio en frontera](#) (*US Strengthens Border Migration Control*)

Telemundo Arizona

*The United States strengthened immigration control on the Mexican border with the opening of another temporary detention center in Texas, installed to respond to the increase in the number of undocumented people trying to enter the country.*

[Milicia vigila frontera antes de que Trump construya muro](#) (*Militia checks border before Trump builds wall*)

Telemundo Arizona

*Encouraged by the election of Donald Trump as the next US president, civil militias patrol the border with Mexico, heavily armed and convinced they are fulfilling their patriotic "duty" to protect the country from drug trafficking and the arrival of undocumented immigrants.*

[Caravana de madres centroamericanas en busca de familiares desaparecidos llega a la frontera de Arizona](#)

(*Caravan of Central American mothers in search of missing relatives arrives at the border of Arizona*)

Univision

*The caravan of Central American mothers arrived on the Arizona border on their seven-day tour of the migrant route in Mexico.*

[Viceministra salvadoreña visita la frontera para monitorear el flujo migratorio de sus connacionales](#) (*Salvadoran*

*Vice Minister Visits the Border to Monitor the Migration Flow of His Nationals*)

Univision

*The Salvadoran government is studying the opening of consular offices in Arizona and Texas in the face of Salvadoran crossings along the southern border of the country.*

[Downtown block party on tap Thanksgiving eve in Nogales](#)

Nogales International

"It's not just an event, it's a movement of wanting to get younger millenials back into our community," said Nogales native Stephanie Bermudez, who is organizing the event with backing from Nogales Community

Development. "It's about bringing awareness to opportunities that currently exist and also about respect for our border during this very sensitive time."

#### **Other Reports of Possible Interest to JTF-W in Arizona**

[Nos hemos beneficiado del TLCAN \(We have benefited from NAFTA\): Jeff Flake](#)

El Sol de México

*In addition, he acknowledged that "in the United States and certainly in Arizona, Mexico has a high percentage of imports of US products. These are goods crossing the border between Arizona and Mexico and crossing borders several times.*

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KUNC

In Nogales, immigration agents only grant three appointments a day because there's nowhere to put the newcomers.

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[Texas Leaders Demand Restart for Aerial Border Surveillance](#)

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Texas Governor Greg Abbott and U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) joined with Representative Henry Cuellar (D-TX) in sending a letter to DHS officials demanding that the aerial border surveillance flights not only start back up, but increase in numbers.

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## **JTF-W, AZ MEDIA ACTIVITY, Oct. 26, 2016**

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- [Nearly 200 arrested in desert criminal sweep near Tucson](#) - Tucson News Now  
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[Meth Seized at I-8 Checkpoint](#) - Desert Independent

### **Also Reported by Arizona Media**

- [Immigration provokes clash in senate debate](#)

White Mountain Independent

One report by the Department of Homeland Security estimates that the odds an illegal immigrant will get caught trying to cross the border has risen from 11 percent in 2005 to 58 percent in 2015, according to a summary of the report in the Arizona Republic.

- [Former Mexican president joins Tucson bid to expand cross-border business](#)

Arizona Daily Star

Fox, who was Mexico's president from 2000 to 2006, has focused on education programs and nurturing young entrepreneurs since he left office.

- [Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio officially charged with criminal contempt](#)

ABC15 Arizona

Prosecutors promised two weeks ago that they would charge Sheriff Joe Arpaio, but the misdemeanor count wasn't officially filed against him until U.S. District Judge Susan Bolton signed it.

- [Marijuana, minimum wage measures focus of town hall](#)

Yuma Sun

The town hall forum about the two statewide Nov. 8 ballot propositions drew about 10 people to hear the state Secretary of State department's official reading of the measures, including one member of Congress.

- [Poll shows boost in respect for police nationwide](#)

Tucson News Now

Public support for police officers is at its highest level in more than 45 years, according to a new Gallup poll.

- [Clarification: Texas-Border Crime story](#)

KVOA Tucson News

(AP) - In a story Oct. 22, The Associated Press reported that drunken drivers were among more than 1,800 offenders arrested near the border in 2015 who the Texas Department of Public Safety classified as "high threat criminals."

### **Other Reports of Possible Interest to JTF-W in Arizona**

- [Long Days of Hope & Despair at the Border](#)

Courthouse News Service

**NOGALES, Sonora (CN)** — Next to a long line of pedestrians slowly streaming into Nogales, Ariz., dozens of men wait in a makeshift migrant camp at the border crossing for a chance to follow north.

### [Surge of migrants illegally crossing US-Mexico border ahead of election](#)

CBS News

**MCALLEN, Texas** – “The smugglers are telling them if Hillary [Clinton] gets elected, that there’ll be some sort of amnesty, that they need to get here by a certain date,” Cabrera said. “They’re also being told that if [Donald] Trump gets elected, there’s going to be some magical wall that pops up overnight and once that wall gets up, nobody will ever get in again.”

### [Hillary and Weaponized Immigration](#)

FrontPage Magazine

The controversy surrounding the admission of refugees is not based on xenophobia but based on very real and understandable concerns that terrorists could embed themselves within the refugees entering the United States in order to carry out deadly terror attacks inside the United States.

### [Arizona Mass for migrants shows Catholic unity crosses borders](#)

Catholic News Agency

**Tucson, Ariz.** – It was the last of three Masses organized by the group Dioceses Sin Fronteras, also known as Dioceses without Borders. The organization aims to broaden awareness of the need to treat people on both sides of the border with dignity and respect, “in the spirit of faith,” the Diocese of Tucson said.

### [EXCLUSIVE: Evolution of Threat Environment Increases Value of CBP Becoming Member of ...](#)

HSToday

Outside of the Department of Defense (DoD), CBP is the agency with the most significant global footprint, and, arguably, some of the strongest legal and operational capabilities to disrupt illicit global networks. But despite this, CBP remains an outsider to the Intelligence Community (IC), the federation of 16 separate government agencies that work together to conduct intelligence activities critical to our national security.

### [Fake IDs -- Potential Enablers Of Terror, Illegal Immigration, And Voter Fraud -- Are Just A Few -- Are Just A Few Clicks Away](#)

Daily Caller

There is a whole unit of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) devoted to document fraud, and yet a quick search on Google yields credible fake ID vendors.

### [What A Reporter Learned When He Infiltrated An Arizona Militia Group](#)

NPR

**(b) (6)** a reporter with *Mother Jones* magazine, [went undercover with one of those groups](#) — the Three Percent United Patriots — on one of their operations in southern **Arizona**.

See also: ["We're Your Neighbors." Says the Cofounder of This Right-Wing Militia](#) - Mother Jones

### [On patrol with the US border vigilantes where Donald Trump dreams of building his 2000-mile wall](#)

Mirror.co.uk

Earlier this year five men from Pakistan and one from Afghanistan were captured near the border in Arizona. The **Tucson Border Patrol** has said almost 80% of those picked up around the border last year were from countries other than Mexico.

### [Mexico: Arrest warrant for missing Veracruz governor](#)

Aljazeera.com

The Mexican authorities are seeking to arrest a former governor who has disappeared as he faces charges of organised crime and money laundering, officials said.

### [San Diego judge gives Mexican cocaine kingpin 15-year prison term](#)

The San Diego Union-Tribune

Cazares, 53, was a kingpin, the head of a large Mexican drug-trafficking organization aligned with the powerful Sinaloa cartel.

### [Mexican police chief charged in disappearance of 43 students](#)

Bristol Herald Courier (press release) (blog)

**MEXICO CITY (AP)** - A federal judge in Mexico has ordered that a once-fugitive police chief be held on charges of aggravated kidnapping in the disappearance of 43 students.

[Wife of Drug Lord 'El Chapo' Guzman Fears He is 'Losing His Mind' in Mexican Jail](#)

TIME

The wife of Mexican drug lord Joaquin Guzman says she fears for her husband's sanity as masked guards watch his every move in a cell near the Texas border in Mexico.

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## **El Paso Sector's Daily Communications Report**

**October 26, 2016**

- 1. Ft Bliss soldier pleads guilty to trying to sell meth to undercover DEA agent**
- 2. CBP: Woman arrested after more than 200 pounds of marijuana found inside van**
- 3. Police: Mt Cristo Rey robbery suspects may have fled to Mexico**
- 4. "We're your neighbors," says the cofounder of this right-wing militia**
- 5. Spike in immigrants illegally crossing into US ahead of election**
- 6. Unisys to modernize CBP technology under new contract**
- 7. Troops on patrol in the Golden Triangle**

1. Local - Fort Bliss Sergeant Derek Calderon pleaded guilty in federal court to selling meth to an undercover DEA agent, the El Paso Times reports.  
[KFOX 14](#)
2. Local - A van carrying more than 200 pounds of marijuana couldn't get past CBP officers at a local port of entry.  
[KFOX 14](#)
3. Local - Police believe the suspects in Sunday's robbery at Mount Cristo Rey were Mexican nationals.  
[CBS 4](#)
4. Regional - An interview with Three Percent United Patriots leader Mike Morris, AKA Fifty Cal.  
[Mother Jones](#)
5. National - There has been a surge of immigrants illegally crossing into the United States leading up to next month's presidential election.  
[CBS News New York](#)
6. National - Unisys Corp. was recently awarded a contract by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to help the agency continue achieving its dual mission of facilitating the free travel of people through U.S. borders quickly while maintaining strong security.  
[Homeland Preparedness News](#)

7. International - Operations in the drug production region called the Golden Triangle, coveted by warring drug cartels, are proving dangerous for Mexico's armed forces.

[Mexico News Daily](#)

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**-Lou Holtz**

**-Roger Staubach**

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**Tucson Sector – (b) (7)(E) Station**

Date of Incident: 11/17/2016

SIR Number: (b) (7)(E)

Location: (b) (7)(E) AZ

Type of Incident: Media Interest

On November 17, 2017, U.S. Border Patrol agents assigned to the (b) (7)(E), Arizona Station responded to call by an Arizona Border Recon member, accompanied by an Univision news crew, regarding a subject in distress near (b) (7)(E) Arizona. Agents responded and arrested a Mexican national. The subject declined medical attention and was transported to the station for processing. Univision filmed the encounter.

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**Media Division Daily Media Report  
Wednesday, December 7, 2016**

GUIDANCE: Entries in **blue** are new or updated. **Black** entries previously mentioned.  
The submission starts with the date posted on the DMR. For media inquiries, submissions should identify the outlet, name of the reporter(s), topic, request and deadline. For events, submissions should include the following details: date, time, address, label and title of principal officials attending/speaking, type of event.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:**

**C1/C2 EVENTS:**

**CONGRESS, SLT, NGO, OTR:**

**MEDIA EVENTS:**

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12/6: On Wednesday December 14, C2 will participate in a press event with Senator Wyden in Portland, Oregon, to highlight CBP trade enforcement efforts, seized IPR infringing goods, trafficked wildlife items, and some treatment of AD/CVD enforcement and enforcement of forced labor prohibitions.  
Location: Port Office at Alderwood. Time: 10:00 A.M. (AKST). Duration: 30 minutes.  
Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).

12/2: Laredo Sector Border Patrol is coordinating an aerostat visit tour for Congressman Henry Cuellar embedded with press tentative date for December 15<sup>th</sup>. Laredo Sector Border Patrol is developing a tentative agenda which has sector leadership with CODEL visiting the aerostat site located in (b) (7)(E) Texas. We will be taking the CODEL to the aerostat fence line and not inside the compound. Congressman Cuellar's office will be sending a list of media outlets that will be embedded in this visit. Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/2: OPA is coordinating a media availability for the new Donna Temporary Holding Facility on December 7, 2016. The 75-minute event will include remarks from senior CBP leadership, Q&A session, and walking/talking tour of facility before arrival of first group of migrants.

12/5 UPDATE: Media advisory sent. Confirmed RSVPs from the following media outlets: KSAT-TV, KVEO-TV, KENS-TV/TEGNA McAllen, Univision Network (McAllen correspondent), KRGV-TV, KGBT-TV, KTLN-TV, The Monitor's Opinion Page, Estrella TV, Reynaldo Leanos for KUT Public Radio.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/6 Update: Associated Press and Breitbart News have confirmed attendance.

12/1: On December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 the Chicago Field Office will conduct a Change of Command Ceremony for incoming DFO Robert White. EAC Owen and former DFO Ferrara will be in attendance at the event. Change of Command is open to the media.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) PAL (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**SPECIAL PROJECTS:**

9/7: Brad Austin, Renegade 83 productions, recently watched videos on one of the wild mustangs in the TCA Horse Patrol. They are interested in a project that would highlight BP Horse Patrol unit and one of the prisons where our horses are trained. They thought it could make for a great documentary TV show. The production company is based in Los Angeles and creates/produces a lot of different shows for a wide variety of TV networks ([www.renegade83.com](http://www.renegade83.com)). They are interested in a show concept that tells the stories of both our patrol unit on horseback and the horse trainer / inmate horse training program.

9/30 UPDATE: Project approved, tentatively slated for November.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Principal: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

## **SOCIAL MEDIA:**

**@CBPArizona**

**@CBPBuffalo**

Cars, Cash and Stash – Watch Now <http://on.natgeo.com/2g7dl0a>

CBP Speeds Cargo Over SW Border – Now in FrontLine <http://bit.ly/2hdN0DZ>

TRUCKERS – SAVE TIME - pay user fees before crossing border – how it works <http://bit.ly/2gcLHVQ>

FREQUENT BORDER CROSSERS USE LOW-TRAFFIC NEXUS BRIDGE – JOIN NEXUS TODAY  
<https://bit.ly/2bpRR5z>

HEADED NORTH OF THE BORDER? DOWNLOAD CBSA APP TO SEE FASTEST CROSSING – Fast Download to your phone <http://bit.ly/2elrYCR>

SOUTHBOUND TO U.S.? WELCOME TO AMERICA! Use CBP app and see fastest bridges – downloads fast and free to phone <https://bit.ly/2bfAyE8>

Give yourself a nice Christmas present - NEXUS benefits include TSA PreCheck and Global Entry – all for only \$50 <https://bit.ly/2bpRR5z>

AGE LIMITS EXTENDED – FIND NEW BORDER CAREER WITH CBP <https://www.cbp.gov/careers>

**@CBPCaribbean**

**@CBPCentralTX**

**@CBPChicago**

**@CBPFlorida**

Recognizing U.S. Customs and Border Protection personnel today at Miami International Airport for annual 2016 Port Director Award Ceremony <http://bit.ly/2gNpMrf>

Around the Agency @CBPCaribbean inaugurates new Air and Marine Operations aircraft facilities in Puerto Rico <http://www.cbp.gov/frontline/around-agency>

**@CBPLosAngeles**

**@CBPMid-Atlantic**

**@CBPGreatlakes**

**@CBPGreatPlains**

**@CBPNorthwest**

@CBPNortheast

@CBPRGV

@CBPRGV #AMO agents from the Brownsville Marine Unit seize marijuana and vessel during joint law enforcement action <http://bit.ly/2g2Vdd6>

@CBPArizona

@CBPSouthEast

@CBPSouthTexas

@CBPWestTexas

@CBPSanDiego

#ElCentro #BorderPatrol finds meth stuffed inside car's rocker panels. Read/see: <http://bit.ly/2h0ulcU>

**HEADQUARTERS:**

12/6: Rachel Bluth with Kaiser Health News, requested CBP comment about Americans getting prescriptions in other countries and how often medications for personal use are seized, either at the border or coming into the country through the mail. Since she was on tight deadline, Branch Chief (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) provided CBP perspective over the phone, enforcement priorities and regulations regarding about buying prescriptions drugs abroad. Shared photos of Human Growth Hormone recently seized at LAX IMF and concealment methods.

Lead: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C).

12/1: Caitlin Dickerson of NY Times asked about the temporary facility in Donna, TX and any other facilities. Deadline asap, publication 12/2. Provided her the combined Tornillo/Donna statement and TP below:

*"U.S. Customs & Border Protection (CBP) is standing up a temporary facility adjacent to the Donna-Rio Bravo International Bridge in Donna, Texas to provide additional capacity for unaccompanied children and family units in CBP custody at Ports of Entry and U.S. Border Patrol stations in the area.*

*The temporary site can hold up to 500 people and will provide additional space for those in CBP custody awaiting transfer to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement for processing, detention, and/or removal, or to the Department of Health and Human Services. CBP, assisted by approved contractors onsite, will ensure the basic needs of those in CBP custody are met. CBP will also regularly assess whether to expand these facilities or keep this temporary facility operational based on the volume of people arriving at or between our Ports of Entry, or crossing the border in the South Texas area.*

*We (CBP) opened a similar facility on November 25 at the Tornillo-Guadalupe Port of Entry near El Paso. That too is a temporary facility to provide additional capacity for family units and unaccompanied children along the Southwest border and can hold up to 500 people providing additional space for those in CBP custody awaiting transfer to ICE or HHS. CBP will assess the need to keep this temporary facility operational based on the volume of people arriving there as well.*

*U.S. Customs & Border Protection's processing of illegal border crossers is conducted in accordance with U.S. immigration laws while also addressing this migratory surge in a humane way, consistent with our border security mission and our American values."*

Lead: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

12/1: Stephen Dinan, Washington Times in following up on Chief Morgan's testimony asked if CBP was requested legislative relief with regard to credible fear claims that have risen 'exponentially'. Providing the below negative response:

*"U.S. Customs & Border Protection has not sought legislative or policy changes in regard to credible fear claims."*

Lead: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

11/21: Anjali Tsui freelance journalist with ProPublica together with the Miami Herald, are preparing to publish a story about foreign government officials who have entered the US despite ongoing

investigations and corruption charges. He requested comment from US Customs and Border Protection regarding former Panamanian President Martinelli left Panama on Jan. 28, 2015, just hours before his country's Supreme Court announced a formal investigation into charges that he had embezzled \$45 million. Provided Privacy Act statement.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/21: David Ingram of Thomson-Reuters requested a comment on the letter from Governor Cuomo (NY) with recommendations to bolster safety protocols and JFK following the panic/self-evacuation in August. Deadline is ASAP, forwarded to Front Office for vis and coordinating with CMO for a response.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/21: WatchDog.com's Kenric Ward posted a story on which Mike Hayes of Buzzfeed and KRGV's Christian von Preysing picked up and are awaiting comment regarding the NBPC-reported shut-down of Operation Phalanx. Coordinating with USBP for statement but provided the interim:

"U.S. Customs and Border Protection is looking to continue that partnership into 2017, as we have for decades. CBP has already reached out to DOD to request our partner's continued support.

Reporters have asked for evidence as the NBPC is actively pushing back stating that DHS is seeking to re-start it only as a result of their reporting the discontinuation.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/09: Samantha Cooney from Motto, a Time Magazine-female oriented website, interviewed with B2, Chief Provost about her promotion. Questions asked were as follows: Anticipated publication date is TBD, but possibly this week.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/1: Glenn Ruppel producer with ABC News "20/20", contacted OPA to discuss a potential story about the security along the Canadian border. He stated he had read and watched some of the recent stories about the struggle to cover such a long border with much fewer resources than are employed to the south. He's is open for the possibility of spending riding along with some BP agents there. The hope is for a one hour "20/20" that's sort of a snowy version of an episode of Border Wars. Though in addition to embedding with some agents, he would also be interested in trying to set up interviews with some of those CBP have captured – smugglers etc.—and have on surveillance tape. They would like to start sometime over the next few weeks, but they are flexible. Also no need for the whole border, just some key spots that have the possibility of getting us some decent action. And combine that with agents who have particularly strong personalities that would work well on camera. Deadline: Next few weeks. OPA to discuss internally.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C),

#### **Enforcement:**

12/6: Franco Ordonez from Miami Herald and El Nuevo Herald requested Cuban inadmissible data from 2010-2016. Provided him stats from 2010-2016 YTD (through August) and language. Publication date TBD

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/2: Sarah Zaman from Voice of America is interested in doing a TV report on the challenges that CBP personnel face in keeping America's borders safe, especially those who work as immigration officers at ports of entry. She would like to schedule a visit with a cameraman to the CBP Global Borders College at the Advanced Training Center in Harpers Ferry, W.Va., film various aspects of training and education and interview a few trainers and students. Date TBD.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/30: John Burnette from NPR wants to visit the San Diego to do an explainer piece about the different types of fencing. He's requesting dates of Jan 11-12. They are also requesting a ride along

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/23: Fernanda Santos from NY Times is working on a story about the heroin epidemic in the United



States. Her piece will focus on the work of Homeland Security Investigations special agents stationed in Rio Rico, Ariz. She spent the day with them responding to port calls in Nogales. She is requested OFO seizure data from 2015-2016 (YTD) for the southwest border. Deadline is Monday Nov 28, publication date anticipated for Dec. 1.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/23: John Bonifield from CNN wants heroine seizure data from 2016. He's working on a story about the opioid epidemic in the US. He's gotten a good number from C1's April testimony. Deadline is flexible. Air date is TBD.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/17: Nippon TV (Japanese) reporter Ken Miura is conducting research into the construction of the Mexico-U.S. border fence, in particular under the Secure Fence Act of 2006 and the SBI program that followed. He wants a list of companies that were granted contracts by the USACE in the time between 2006 and 2010 for the construction of the border fence.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/15: NBC Nightly News has two requests in to film at RGV about the migrant influx. Working with local leadership to accommodate. Film dates anticipated 11/16-11/18.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/8: CNN reporter Rosa Flores has requested Syrian data from the SBO by month for 2015-2016. Says she is working on a story about Syrians entering from the southwest border. Undetermined deadline, and publication date.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/2: Texas Tribune's Elly Dearman has requested marijuana and heroin seizure data from 2000-present. She is working on two stories. One is a story about the growing opioid problem in Texas, and she wanted to look at heroin seizures to see how they correspond as a sidebar to the story. The other is to look at trends in the amount of marijuana crossing the border to see how that has changed since its legalization in several states. Her deadline is end of this week or early next week. BP has provided stats, awaiting FO approval. Anticipated publication date is Dec 9.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/1: KPBS reporter Jean Guerrero has asked for a border fence construction timeline going back to 1900. She is working on a story about Aguilas del Desierto, a group of volunteers who go out to rescue migrants who get lost crossing the border, or to find their remains to help give families closure. She has interviewed that group, the University of San Diego's Trans-Border Institute and BORSTAR. BPFTI PMO has proved fence data. Reporter says deadline is Nov 9. Stats provided to reporter.

Update: Broadcast date is 12/12

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

10/4: Reporter Johannes Kuhn, a reporter who is covering the United States for Suddeutsche Zeitung ([www.sz.de](http://www.sz.de)), Germany's biggest broadsheet-newspaper, is working on a story about immigration and border security, and asked for "a statistic that says how many of the immigrants come with & without passports (percentage)?" He clarified to state "I am looking for information about the people who are making their entrance over the Southern border to Mexico without having a valid Visa or similar documents that allow for regular entry, and who are apprehended on U.S. soil (illegal border crossing)." He is specifically interested in the land border between the U.S. and Mexico. The request is pending review by the CMO.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

#### **HRM/Technology:**

9/7: CNBC Producer, Karina Frayter wishes to produce a CBP recruiting story for their series "Where the Jobs Are", to tell the story of the CBP Frontline hiring as well as training of CBP officers/agents.

10/3: Update - Coordinating with USBP and HRM to determine who, when and where the project should be. Filming beginning of October – air date November 4<sup>th</sup>.

10/4 Update: Location set with BP is El Paso. Gloria Chavez looped in on this effort.

10/7: - Update: ACPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) is the El Paso POC. And I has been asked to select a new female BP agent and provide ride-along details. Dates for a C1 interview are pending, as is the name of a POC at the BP Academy to arrange the requisite Academy video elements for the shooting team.

10/27 Update: They are looking at January air date. Notified the impacted CBP POC's.

11/18 Update: Set air date for the show is Jan 6<sup>th</sup>. B1 will be interviewed instead to C1. Conference call set for 11/21 to define logistics of shooting schedule. Filming will begin mid December.

12/2 Update: B1 telephonic interview went very well. Sent questions asked to the NFRC/HRM to get the appropriate language for B1's answers.

12/2 Update: 14 Dec filming in El Paso has been set, waiting on the return of the film crews vetting form to lock in the academy (15 Dec).

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/5: NBC News is set to post online an interview they had with AC Glawe in September. The interview is due to be posted by the end of the week online. The interview focused on government insiders that have impactful jobs. It was an "in their own word" interview that went well.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

#### **Travel:**

11/30: Andrea Peterson, a tech reporter for the Washington Post, inquired about the number of electronic searches performed at the border each year. She is writing an article about Canadian photojournalist Edward Ou who claims CBP agents asked him to unlock his mobile phones on Oct. 1 at Vancouver Preclearance before being denied entry to the U.S. The ACLU sent a letter to Secretary Johnson and the Commissioner objecting to Ou's treatment. Deadline is 11/30. Publication date is TBD.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/30: Chris McGinnis from Travel Skills is writing about Global Entry renewals. Deadline is 12/2. Publication date is TBD.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/30: Scott Rouch is writing a story on Global Entry for WhereTraveler.com. Publication date is TBD.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/15: Drafting a news release about the Departure Verification System which is part of the Departure Information Systems Test for the use of facial recognition software for air passengers at the Atlanta Hartsfield International Airport. Date for issuance is to be determined.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

#### **Trade:**

12/5: Tim Warren saw that CBP release reports on AD/CVD and the Byrd amendment distributions, and notes a significant drop in the uncollected duties from FY15 to FY16. Tim wants to know the circumstances around the stats. OT recommends Office of Finance respond. His deadline is 12/5 but is flexible, publish date is as soon as possible. Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/30: OT is working on a draft press release to announce the new online portal for EAPA submissions.

The portal will be live tomorrow, December 1<sup>st</sup>, and the Commissioner is announcing it in his opening remarks tomorrow at ECTS. 12/5: OPA is edited and posted release on cbp.gov Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/1: Tim Warren is scheduled to interview (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) re his new role as XD of Regulatory Audi/first 90 days. Interview tentative next of 12/5. Conducted media training with XD (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) on 11/16. Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/1: Working with OT on E-bond team receiving Commissioner's award. Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/1: American Shipper has asked to interview the CTPAT team re Trusted Trader and Minimum Security Requirements. Request sent to CMO on 12/1. Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/21: OT has shared draft FY16 IPR stats press release, which included C1 quote to be vetted through the front office. Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/21: OT FY16 Trade stats provided to OPA for inclusion on DHS Trade and Travel press release. Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**SOUTHWEST BORDER:**

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12/6: Peggy Sutton, BBC Radio, is producing a story on immigration in America. Interview with reporter to explain Border Patrol daily operations, emphasizing BSI messaging and work being done to save lives along the border...a "BP101" as this will be reporter's first encounter with Border Patrol. Approved by OPA. Anticipate a neutral story for CBP.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

PIO: BPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/5 EFE Noticias, KOLD, Univision AZ and Nogales International want a comment on a report by No More Deaths and Derechos Humanos that U.S. border enforcement policy, coupled with the Border Patrol practice of chasing and scattering migrants, are responsible for migrant deaths and disappearance in the borderlands. A statement has been approved by OPA for use after their report.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

112/6: San Diego Sector received a media inquiry from reporter Pauline Repard with the San Diego Union Tribune regarding an early morning failure to yield incident in San Clemente. She was provide the following information. On December 6, at about 2:20 a.m., a Border Patrol agent was nearly struck by a Dodge Dart sedan while conducting inspection duties at the Border Patrol checkpoint on northbound Interstate 5, near San Clemente. The driver of the Dodge Dart, a 26-year-old man, immediately sped away from the checkpoint and was followed by agents northbound on Interstate 5 to Cristianitos Road. The man of the suspect vehicle crashed into a tree at the Interstate 5 southbound onramp on Cristianitos Road. The crash caused the Dodge Dart to catch fire, which was extinguished by agents. The man was transported to a nearby hospital for precautionary measures.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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12/5: SDOFO and SDC received a request from Mr. Brian Epstein, a Producer with ABC News in LA. He is requesting to visit SYS capture B-roll of port operations (people, vehicles, technology and to also take a Border Tour to film BP fencing, and infrastructure for their upcoming border security/immigration stories expected before the inauguration. He will likely come on his own and there is no need for any official interviews but an explanation of what he is filming would be helpful. He has requested **Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>** to conduct this. SDOFO and SDC are considering his request.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/5: SDOFO received an information request from Manuel Ayala of News Week Espanol who is working a story regarding international migration. He is requesting if there are agency records on periodic migration similar to the one that is being experience right now with the Haitian Nationals who have been

arriving via Tijuana to the U.S. He is looking at what other migratory movements have also ended up here either for political reasons in their countries, because they are fleeing their country, or something to that effect. He is asking for information that goes back several years. He is also requesting statistics or averages of which countries outside of America have the most of their citizens (international migrants) arriving to Tijuana to cross into the U.S. CMO is reviewing the request. Deadline was 12/6.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and SCBPO (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/5: SDOFO received a request from the Cross Border Express (CBX) sponsor to film CBP operations at the CBX by CBS News reporter Peter Greenberg. The piece is to highlight the success of the CBX, how significant it has become to the economy on both side of the border and aims to show a good example of private/public partnership. Peter Greenberg is the CBS News Travel Editor who reports regularly on The Early Show will be interviewing the CEO and CFO of Volaris (a Mexican airline company) and the CBX sponsor leadership. CBS News would film B-roll of the CBP operations and possibly hold an interview with APD (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). CBS visit is scheduled for 12/7. SDOFO approved. Pending CMO approval.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and SCBPO (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/5: A DHS multi-media agreement was approved for Victor Levin, a writer and executive producer with Starz Network who is working on a pilot story that involves the use of the Calexico port of entry as the main characters will be playing a CBPO officer and commuting agricultural worker. This is to get a writer's perspective for the pilot. Filming period is 12/12-13. No operational disruption is expected.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and SCBPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/5: Freelance photographer Ivan Pierre Aguirre requesting information on border fencing gaps for photo project to support unspecified Texas Tribune/PBS story. OPA still researching. Photographer advises it will be similar to their recent collaboration.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/5: OPA preparing for possible media inquiries related to recent denial of humanitarian parole to Mexican female/previous violator wishing to travel to Chicago to be with her sick child. A weekend commentary piece in the El Paso Times suggested a gathering/march on Tuesday. OPA prepared to speak in general terms about the process if asked but not any specific encounter. Negative tone anticipated.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).

12/2: Austin American Statesman PolitiFact Texas reporter Gardner Selby contacted OPA regarding a recent claim by U.S. Rep. Roger Williams of Texas that under Nafta, a lot of trucks from Mexico drive through the U.S. border without being inspected. He also referred to Kansas City as the terminal point. OPA directed him to USDOT/FMSCA for feedback on the inland trucking portion of the inquiry and sent links on NFAST and CTPAT to address CBP handling of commercial traffic. Negative to neutral tone anticipated.

12/5: UPDATE – story posted - <http://www.politifact.com/texas/statements/2016/dec/05/roger-williams/mostly-false-roger-williams-claim-lot-trucks-not-i/>

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/5: Responded to inquiries from multiple media outlets, including Associated Press, KENS-TV TEGNA McAllen, KGBT-TV, KRGV-TV, KVEO-TV, KTLM-TV, Estrella TV regarding reports of Cubans waiting at Hidalgo International Bridge to be processed. Outlets had asked if we are denying them entry. Consulted with LFO, HQ OPA leadership, alerted CBP-CAT and provided the below approved statement. Expected rundate 12/5, expected tone: negative.

*Statement*

*Ports are managing flows commensurate with each port's capacity to safely process arriving aliens while providing essential services to ensure their health and safety. OTM Aliens, that were not deemed high risk, are provided with a Government of Mexico social services resource list and an appointment window to return to the POE for processing.*

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/5 Richard Marosi, LA Times, wants to write a story on the U.S. Border Patrol's Integrated Fixed Towers being deployed along the Arizona border. His interest is in how the Border Patrol is using the technology, if it is successful in comparison with SBI-Net, and how it fits with other pieces of infrastructure. He wants to visit tower sites and C2 (Control Rooms) in Nogales, Arizona. He is hoping for a tour sometime next week. Sending to OPA for approval. Anticipate a neutral story for CBP.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/5 Kristin Haubrich, KOLD Tucson, reached out to Tucson Sector Border Patrol for comment on legislation introduced by Sen. Jeff Flake and Sen. Heidi Keikamp, called the CBP HiRe Act. Provided the following statement:

*"CBP does not comment on pending legislation."*

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/2: SDC received a request from reporter Olivier Michel with Le Figaro, a French magazine, who requested to photograph a Border Patrol agent and the fence in San Diego and interview the agent on the challenges to stop illegal immigration along the border. We will meet at a neutral location that provides a view of our fencing, camera towers, stadium lighting, all weather roads, Tijuana, MX, and also have him meet with a BPA for an interview for information and facts on 12/15. Locally vetted and cleared. He would post the story upon return to France in mid-Jan.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and BPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/2: Staff reporter Kyle Jaeger with ATTN.com, a digital media story/news site, based in Los Angeles, is working on a series of stories (6) related to the movement of the legalization of marijuana. He will attempt to explore different aspects of the legalization movement — from a criminal justice, economic, and health perspective. For CBP's portion within first project, he would like to speak to a CBP official about what their job entails, their experiences with marijuana-related border enforcement, and how drug trafficking has changed over the past five years, and observe anti-drug smuggling port operations. The final product would be release on their social media platforms — Facebook, Twitter, Instagram — and on their website attn.com. Their deadline is 1/15. SDOFO is reviewing the request.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and SCBPO (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/2: Pedro Rojas, Univision Network's McAllen correspondent, and Carlos Diaz Warns, KLDO-TV (Univision-Laredo) had inquired and asked if Cubans are being denied entry into Laredo. They provided a video of Cubans waiting on the Mexican side of Laredo's Gateway to the Americas Bridge who were told they were given an appointment time the next day to return for processing and could not wait at the port. Warns interviewed Cubans waiting on the Mexican side for appointment. The Laredo Port of Entry had recently implemented a metering system to manage volume of Cuban asylum requests. Coordinated with LFO and OPA mgmt. and provided Rojas and Diaz Warns the below approved statement:

*Statement: Ports are managing flows commensurate with each port's capacity to safely process arriving aliens while providing essential services to ensure their health and safety. OTM Aliens, that were not deemed high risk, are provided with a Government of Mexico social services resource list and an appointment window to return to the POE for processing.*

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/2: KURV-AM radio requested a radio interview on the Donna temporary holding facility. Provided the holding statement and advised that a media preview event is forthcoming and more information will be shared at that time. Expected run date: 12/2, expected tone: neutral to negative.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/2: OPA responded to an inquiry from Laredo Morning Times reporter regarding a news release about the indictment of a Del Rio Sector Border Patrol agent for child pornography. Statement included the bullet points from a prepared RTQ: Response to Query - If asked, we can confirm that Salvador Contreras 1) is a U.S. Border Patrol Agent 2) is assigned to the Del Rio Station 3) has been on the job for 17 years 4) is currently on administrative leave. Statement: "U.S. Border Patrol will continue to work with our law enforcement partners to bring this issue to a resolution. CBP stresses honor and integrity in every aspect of our mission, and the overwhelming majority of CBP employees and officers perform their duties with honor and distinction, working tirelessly every day to keep our country safe. We do not tolerate corruption or abuse within our ranks, and we fully cooperate with any criminal or administrative investigations of alleged misconduct by any of our personnel, on or off duty." Further inquiries should be directed to the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Inspector General - (202) 254-4100.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/1: Nigel Duara, L.A. Times, wants a tour of the (b) (7)(E) and a briefing on the CBP 911 response. Currently collecting more information from the reporter.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/1: Pete Kasperowicz News editor, Washington Examiner contacted OPA requesting information on how much the Tornillo and Donna facilities are costing the agency. Requesting information from CAT if available. Negative tone anticipated.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/1: Pilar Marrero Senior Political Reporter, IMPREMEDIA contacted OPA regarding surge of migrant FAMU and UAC's at southwest border. OPA provided link to latest data available on CBP webpage. Impremedia supplies content to many U.S. based Spanish language news outlets. Neutral tone anticipated. No publication date.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/1: RGV PAO escorted journalist Giles Lambertson to the NASOC facility in Corpus Christi. Mr. Lambertson is writing a story for Smithsonian Air and Space magazine on AMO and its mission on the Southwest Border. Mr. Lambertson was given an operational brief which covered a unit overview, mission statement, AMO partners, hemispheric operations, equipment and a VaDER overview. DAO (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was interviewed. Topics included capabilities, staffing, support, inter-agency cooperation(USBP, USCG, AMO, etc.). Mr. Lambertson was given a tour of a P-3, walk around of a MQ9 Predator and he was able to observe P-3 and MQ9 launches. Mr. Lambertson had previously visited the McAllen Air and Marine Branch for his story.

Publication Date: TBD Tone: Positive

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/30: SDC received a request from reporter Nicole Spohn Almeida, a USC with Deutsche Welle German TV out of Los Angeles who wants to illustrate the current situation at the California border and to portray the work of a Border Patrol agent and understand challenges along the border. We will meet at a neutral location that provides a view of our fencing, camera towers, stadium lighting, all weather roads, Tijuana, MX, and also have her meet with a BPA for an interview for information and facts on 12/2. She would broadcast the b-roll and interview over the coming weekend.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and BPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/30: El Diario de Juarez and Norte Juarez newspaper contacted PAL (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) regarding a baby kidnapping case garnering much attention in local the Spanish language media. The child was allegedly stolen in Juarez and taken to Roswell before being returned to Juarez late on 11/29. Press wanted to know how child could have been brought through the POE if kidnapped in Mexico. PAL discussed inspection process and questioned if that had actually been established. Neutral to negative tone anticipated.



12/1: UPDATE – KVIA-TV/El Paso followed up on the story. OPA provided the following statement:  
*“While CBP cannot speak about individual encounters because of privacy provisions, CBP can state that all people entering the U.S. are subject to inspection to confirm that they are admissible. If a traveler has not yet received a birth certificate for an infant, CBP can accept either the birth record issued by the hospital, a letter on hospital letterhead or a letter from the doctor who delivered the child providing details of the birth, including the name of the child, time and place of birth, and names of parents. CBP officers will utilize their experience, interview techniques and available technology combined with information provided by the traveler to determine admissibility. If someone is found to be smuggling an infant (or any person) through a port of entry by using documents belonging to a different person (imposter) or by making a false claim for citizenship that person can be arrested and prosecuted for alien smuggling. Those charges can be retroactively applied if a violation is discovered after the fact.”*

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/30: Belgian newspaper HET BELANG VAN LIMBURG reporter Ruben Steegen contacted OPA requesting opportunity to visit with OBP for a line tour/interview regarding current enforcement efforts and Trump wall. OPA advised that we could not accommodate a tour because of vetting constraints and that we would not be speaking to incoming administration proposals. OPA advised that an off-site OBP 101 type interview may be available. Currently checking with EP Sector to see if they can accommodate. Neutral tone. No publication date.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/30: ABC News Nightline producer Shannon Crawford advises that the network is doing a piece on the Arizona Border Recon civilian militia group operating in the Arizona desert. ABC was looking for CBP statement regarding the group and the work they are doing. CBP developing a response. Neutral tone anticipated. No air date.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/30: El Paso Times reporter Sara Sanchez contacted OPA regarding comments related to the Cross Border Trade Enhancement Act which would make it easier for the agency/municipalities to continue 559 and 560 projects. The act has not been passed/signed into law yet so OPA advised that CBP does not comment on pending matters. OPA did provide [www.cbp.gov](http://www.cbp.gov) 559 and 560 links and mentioned that the programs in place in El Paso and Santa Teresa are doing well. Neutral tone anticipated. Publication December 1.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/30: Fielded media inquiries from Associated Press, Bloomberg News, KNVO-TV, Estrella TV regarding the Donna temporary holding facility and provided copies of the holding statement. Disseminated the statement to media contacts and posted statement to [cbp.gov](http://cbp.gov). Expected rundate: 11/30, expected tone: neutral to negative.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/29: Several media outlets, including KGBT-TV (CBS-RGV), KTLN-TV (Telemundo-RGV), The Monitor (McAllen) sought comment from CBP following a report that surfaced in The Monitor (McAllen) regarding the standing up of a tent city in Donna, TX. CBP PAO (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) provided the following CBP-approved statement on a response to query basis. Expected rundate: 11/29, expected tone: neutral to negative.  
*Statement*

*U.S. Customs & Border Protection (CBP) is standing up a temporary facility adjacent to the Donna-Rio Bravo International Bridge in Donna, Texas to provide additional capacity for unaccompanied children and family units in CBP custody at Ports of Entry and U.S. Border Patrol stations in the area. The temporary site can hold up to 500 people and will provide additional space for those in CBP custody awaiting transfer to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement for processing, detention, and/or removal, or to the Department of Health and Human Services. CBP, assisted by approved contractors onsite, will ensure the basic needs of those in CBP custody are met. CBP will also regularly assess whether to expand these facilities or keep this temporary facility operational based on the volume of people arriving at or between our Ports of Entry, or crossing the border in the South Texas area. CBP is prepared to add housing, beds, toilets, and bathing facilities as necessary.*

*CBP continues to work with other federal and international agencies to discourage individuals from embarking on the dangerous trip to enter the United States illegally, and will provide additional information in the near future.*

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/29: Lawrence Wright, Texas-based writer from New Yorker Magazine, and Monica Ortiz-Urbe from "Fronteras", are requesting a border tour together in El Paso on either 11-30 or 12-1. Mr. Wright wants to get a perspective of a Border Patrol agent with specific interest in current challenges that agents face in regard to border issues (undoc. immigrants crossings, as opposed to narcotics or people smuggling; how the border community sees itself as opposed to those who are not on the border; will expectations increase or decrease in the future when it comes to demands? Request will be scheduled by El Paso Sector personnel if they are available. Reporter Ortiz-Urbe says she is going along just to accompany him. <http://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2015/07/06/five-hostages>  
<http://www.fronterasdesk.org/staff/%2099>

Leads: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), SOS (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/29: El Diario de El Paso reporter Juliana Henao wanted to confirm if CBP was planning to use an avatar system to screen people at border POE's as described in this link:  
<http://www.popsci.com/article/technology/animated-avatar-could-screen-humans-national-security>. OPA advised that CBP is not mentioned in story and that reporter should check with system maker about possible clients.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/29: KTHR-AM 740/Houston reporter Nik Rajkovic contacted CBP requesting comments about SWB drug seizure activity mentioned in [this article/study](#) at drugabuse.com. OPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) provided links to CBP.gov and offered general sound on tape regarding CBP enforcement activity. Positive tone anticipated/stories should be running 11/29.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/28: Rory Carroll, The Guardian, has been given approval for a ride-along on the Arizona border. He is considering this to be a "straight news feature" on daily Border Patrol operations. He will be meeting PIO (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) in Nogales on Tuesday, Nov. 29. Tucson Sector Border Patrol will push BSI messaging. Tone is expected to be neutral.

PIO: Border Patrol Agent (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/28: Daniel Gonzalez, Arizona Republic, requested information regarding the number of Haitians being apprehended by USBP and encountered by OFO. We are collecting preliminary information and looping in OPA.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/29: Troy Hayden, Fox 10 Phoenix, conducted a brief on-camera spot with a Tucson Sector Border Patrol PIO pointing and out smuggling/scouting activity in Mexico. General information discussed. Neutral tone anticipated. Elements of interview to be included in story of OBP led tour for various elected officials. Broadcast date 11/29.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/28: RGV PAO will facilitate ride along with Univision Nacional reporter Federica Narancio Genesi on November 29, 2016. Focus of story will be current trends in FMAU and UAC numbers. Ride along will be conducted in the McAllen and Rio Grande City AOR's  
Publication Date: TBD Tone: Positive to Neutral.

11/29: UPDATE RGV PAO facilitated ride along with Univision Nacional Federica Narancio Genesi on November 29, 2016. They were able to document FMAU and UAC activity (3 Groups). Principal for interviews (Spanish) was SBPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)



11/28: Editor Nicolas Freund with Süddeutsche Zeitung, a Germany newspaper, will be in San Diego in January and requested to get first –hand insights on challenges faced along the border in January. Due to limited time to vet foreign media, they were offered to meet at a neutral location outside our enforcement zone that would provide a view of our fencing and our camera towers, stadium lighting, all weather roads, Tijuana, MX, and also have them meet with a BPA for an interview for information and facts. No date has been set.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/28: Journalist Felipe Vergara Petrescu with a Chilean TV company called MEGA, requested to record work done along the border on either 12/10 or 12/11. Due to limited time to vet foreign media, they were offered to meet at a neutral location outside our enforcement zone that would provide a view of our fencing and our camera towers, stadium lighting, all weather roads, Tijuana, MX, and also have them meet with a BPA for an interview for information and facts. He requested a Spanish speaker.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and BPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/28: Andrew Collins, a writer with an automotive /transportation website called <http://jalopnik.com/> uncovered a video where a BP vehicle is used to recover an off-road vehicle that crashed on to its side in the Glamis Sand Dunes in El Centro Sector. The video here: <https://www.instagram.com/p/BNTTSdnBn-L/> . The writer states that they are demonstrating some poor and extremely dangerous techniques by letting people (well) within the strike zone of the recovery strap, using a ball hitch to pull a vehicle, and keeping the throttle pressed as it obviously becomes stuck. It appears to have occurred November 27th at Glamis Sand Dunes. He requested a comment or statement if agents received off-road recovery training. ACPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) working on it.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and ACPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

1/27: French reporter, Anna Cuxac [www.facebook.com/causette](http://www.facebook.com/causette) from French magazine *Causette*, wanted to interview someone at the El Paso Sector (EPT) about the #HugsNotWall initiative, a special interest project being coordinated presently by the local chapter of El "Border Network of Human Rights" (BNHR). The media outlet requested that EPT explain how Border Patrol is working to make the #HugsNotWall operation possible; what that project means; the anticipated impact of the project and an explanation of how this relationship affects Border security. It also asked for information relating to "whether the election victory by Donald Trump would impact this project?". The media outlet was provided a short statement regarding EPT's relationship with BNHR: "The U.S. Border Patrol-El Paso Sector works with a number of special interest organizations such as BNHR and other stakeholders to develop and maintain a strong sense of harmony in the community as it relates to border issues. "The reporter was also informed that "the agency is NOT in a position to speculate on how the presidential election would impact CBP personnel, or its operations that involve partner organizations in the community."

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/28: Milenio Television reporter Jose Antonio Belmont requested information late on 11/25 regarding the ongoing Anapra (NM) border fence replacement project. Reporter was interested in when project began and when it will be completed, nature of the work, who is doing the construction and costs. El Paso Sector communications replied to reporter and provided basic information. Neutral tone anticipated. No broadcast data.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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11/25: As contractors began to position heavy earth-moving equipment to perform site preparation for installation of the temporary holding facility adjacent to Donna-Rio Bravo International Bridge, PAO (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) drafted a holding statement based on the Tornillo statement in anticipation of potential media interest in the facility. The statement would be provided on a response to query basis. LFO mgmt. reviewed and concurred with statement. Statement sent for CBP Front Office review, Migration CAT concurrence. Front Office edits incorporated. No media inquiries as of press time. LFO CMO PAL (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) secured LFO Audio Visual Team deployment to capture still, video footage of construction development over weekend. Statement:

"U.S. Customs & Border Protection is standing up a temporary facility adjacent to the Donna-Rio Bravo

*International Bridge to address an overflow of unaccompanied children and family units in CBP custody at the ports and stations in the area.*

*The temporary site can hold up to 500 people. CBP, assisted by contractors onsite, will ensure that all of the basic needs of those in CBP custody are met. CBP will regularly assess the need to expand the facilities and is prepared to add housing, beds, toilets and bathing facilities as needed. CBP will also regularly assess the need to keep this temporary facility operational based on the volume of people arriving at ports or crossing the border in the South Texas area.*

*The facility will provide additional space for those in CBP custody awaiting transfer to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement for detention and removal, or to the Department of Health and Human Services.*

*CBP will provide additional information in the near future."*

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/25: John Herskovitz, ThomsonReuters News Service's Texas correspondent, launched a series of questions via CBP MediaRelations regarding secure fence construction in the Rio Grande Valley area of operation. His specific questions include:

1. What was the original plan for construction in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas in terms of miles and type of fencing, and how many miles of fencing were actually built?
2. What has been the impact of the fencing in South Texas in reducing illegal immigration?
3. Did budget concerns and legal fights have any impact on the construction of fencing in South Texas?
4. In an email from Jeffrey Self released under a Freedom of Information Act request, he writes **"They will not build any fence in any area (urban) where real estate costs are too high"**. How did cost concerns impact the area that were selected for fence construction?

RGV PAO (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) reached out the reporter, advised we would work on his inquiry and learned his deadline is sometime the week of Nov. 28-Dec. 2. Expected rundate, week of Nov. 28-Dec. 2, expected tone: neutral to negative.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/23: NHK Los Angeles inquired regarding the volume of UACs, undocumented migrants in the RGV area and if the numbers are increasing. Provided link to statement on CBP.gov on deployment of additional agents to RGV area and links to Border Patrol statistics on cbp.gov. Reporter inquired about a border tour, explained DHS vetting process for foreign national crew members.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/22: San Antonio Express-News Reporter Jason Buch advised he is down in McAllen and sought to confirm that CBP is seeing an increase in asylum requests at the Hidalgo Port of Entry. Developed response taken from LFO UAC/FAMU surge talking points, obtained concurrence from LFO mgmt., in the process of obtaining concurrence from HQ OPA with Migration CAT visibility. Expected run date: TBD, expected tone: neutral to negative.

*Statement*

*CBP has observed an increase in the number of unaccompanied alien children from countries other than Mexico presenting themselves for admission at Laredo Field Office ports of entry. CBP officers processed 691 UACs at Laredo Field Office ports in FY 2015 and processed more than 2,500 UACs in FYTD 2016. In terms of family units, CBP officers at Laredo Field Office ports processed more than 2,600 family unit members in FYTD 2016.*

11/23 update: HQ OPA concurrence obtained, statement provided.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/21: José Antonio Belmont, Milenio Television reporter from Mexico City, is in Juarez and asking for opportunity to visit Tornillo facility. OPA replied explaining vetting requirements and offered possible off site meeting. OPA also shared news release and photos of the facility. No feedback from reporter.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/21: Washington Examiner news editor Pete Kasperowitz contacted OPA regarding Tornillo facility. He was drilling down on volume of surge and facility did not appear to be equipped to handle and any plans for future locations. OPA responded using prepared Q&A responses. Story should run Tuesday. Neutral

to negative tone anticipated.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).

11/21: Televisa/Mexico journalist Alan Perez asked if prison/detention contractors GEO or CCA were contractor for the Tornillo facility. OPA researching but advised that the facility will be run and managed by CBP. OPA stressed that the facility is an extension of work traditionally done at POE's/BP stations and that this was not a detention center. Neutral to negative tone anticipated. No run date.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/21: RGV PAO will facilitate ride along with Fox News Channel Jeremy Pollard (Photog) and Stephanie Kovak (Producer) on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Will consist of still photography and B-roll of BP agents performing normal operations.

11/23 update: RGV PAO conducted ride along with Fox News Channel Jeremy Pollard (Photog) and Stephanie Kovak (Producer) on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Fox News was able to document, conduct stand ups and shoot B-roll of Border Patrol agents in McAllen AOR encounter a FMAU/UAC group of 35. In the Rio Grande City AOR the crew was able to document, conduct stand ups and shoot B-roll of agents encounter with a FMAU/UAC group of 63. BPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (RGV Comms) was mic'd up IOT explain the smugglers use of landings in Fronzon area. He emphasized personnel, technology and infrastructure and how all were force multipliers in border security. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was able to conduct stand ups in front of over 2000 pounds of marijuana that had been seized by agents in the Rio Grande City AOR.

Date of Publication: 12-7-16 Tone: Positive

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) BPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/21: RGV PAO will facilitate ride along with KSAT reporter (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). Topics will include jobs that the agents do on the ground, and what they do to secure the front lines, focus will also address current increase in FMAU/UAC apprehensions. Will occur October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Publication Date: TBD Expected Tone: Positive

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) BPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/17: Sandra Ramirez, KOAT-TV, conducted an interview with EPT on current USBP operations in west Texas and New Mexico.

EPT PAL discussed current measures being utilized to stem the current flow of UDA's into southern N.M. Report is anticipated

to be positive.

Leads: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), SOS PAL (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/16: Jean Guerrero, KPBS (Fronteras), [www.jeanguerrero.com](http://www.jeanguerrero.com) [www.kpbs.org](http://www.kpbs.org) is asking if there is any data available on the biometric testing at Otay Mesa. They are wishing to do a story on a promise made by President-elect Trump during his first 100 days to implement biometrics at all border crossings to catch visa overstays. Request was routed to the CBP Entry/Exit Team, and it was determined that CBP is in the process finalizing the report, and will provide a response to her inquiry no sooner than December. (*once the report is completed*).

Leads: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/15: Grant Hodgson, Coleman-Raynor freelancers for the National Enquirer, requested a ride-along in Tucson Sector and stats (apps, budget) for operations. Story would also include the reporter working with AZ Border Recon, a vigilante group. Seeking OPA guidance.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/15: John Moore, with Getty Images, wants to shoot photos of Border Patrol enforcement activities in the Imperial Sand Dunes. A ride-along with Mr. Moore is currently scheduled for Nov. 17. Tone expected to be neutral.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), PIO (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/15: Dan Marries, KOLD TV, requested information on a cross-border vehicle incursion that occurred yesterday in the Douglas, Arizona area (b) (7)(E). We are collecting information for a brief statement for the reporter.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/15: CBP PAO conducted AMO operational ride along with AP Photographer Eric Gay and Video Journalist John Mone. Flight was delayed due to fog. Journalists documented Border Patrol tracking, Air and Marine and Border Patrol collaboration and apprehension of two groups. Initial focus of story was press conference regarding 150 detailees being assigned to the Rio Grande Valley attended by Frank Bajak and Eric Gay. Secondary topics were AMO/BP operations, and current trends.

Expected rundate: TBD, Expected tone: Positive

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/15: NBC News has requested a visit to the Rio Grande Valley for 11-16-16 to 11-18-16. They have requested a ride along, interview with Chief Padilla, a visit to the detention facilities (removed) and an AMO ride along. Crew will consist of Gabriel Gutierrez, David Douglas, Carlos Huazano, Callahan Moots. Focus will be on the current immigration influx.

Expected run date: TBD, Expected tone: Positive

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/15: Laredo Sector Border Patrol worked on several news stories with local NBC affiliate KGNS and KRGV in the Valley in regards to our Deer Blind Initiative. KGNS also worked on a special news piece on highlighting our BORSTAR unit and rescues. KRGV aired their news piece on Nov. 9, 2016 while the KGNS news piece will air today, November 15-16, 2016. The KGNS news piece on the Deer Blind Initiative will air on Monday, November 21, 2016. Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/15: Local Laredo Sector Border Patrol agents were honored by members of the Webb County Commissioners Court for their win and participation at the World Series Champions of the 2016 of the Police Softball World series held recently in Las Vegas, Nevada. They were presented certificates by members of the Webb County Commissioners Court. The champions were comprised of players from the Webb County Sheriff's Department, Laredo Sector of the Border Patrol and the San Antonio Police Department. Over 1,500 enforcement representatives from the USA and Canada competed. A special news story will be developed for CBPnet. Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/4: KOSA-TV Midland/Odessa producer Ernest Macias is interested in doing a story on OBP recruitment of female agents after receiving news release announcing Deputy Chief Carla Provost appointment. OPA working with HQ and Big Bend Sector to develop options. Reporter would like to move forward as quickly as possible. Neutral to positive tone anticipated.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

10/31: Rolando Chacon, a Coahuila-based reporter for Reforma, Mural and El Norte newspapers, has asked if CBP could provide reports of when former Coahuila governor Humberto Moreira Valdes and Jose Manuel Muñoz Luévano, AKA "El Inge" both reportedly under U.S. federal investigation, traveled together to cross to the U.S. and who was traveling with them between 2006-2012. Coordinating with LFO CMO PAL and LFO mgmt. regarding approach to response. Initial recommended guidance, pending final LFO mgmt. concurrence, is to refer inquiry to CBP Media Relations inbox and determination can be made from there to refer to field where response can be provided indicating that Privacy Act precludes CBP from discussing the specifics of an individual's processing or confirming the entry of specific persons. Expected run date: TBD, Expected tone: negative.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

10/25: BBC radio news reporter Declan Harvey is looking for opportunity to meet with OBP/El Paso regarding current enforcement activity, work, etc. OBP currently considering request. Reporter understands that CBP will not discuss any political topics. Interview locations also being considered because crew are foreign and cannot clear vetting in time. Neutral tone anticipated.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

10/20: Atlanta-based CNN Correspondent Polo Sandoval, who covers the Southeast Region of the U.S., inquired to see if we are seeing a surge in Africans and Asians arriving at ports of entry in our area.

Sandoval had indicated he had heard of Africans in the Tijuana area and that Africans and Asians were transiting Mexico on 20-day visas and arriving at U.S. southern land border ports of entry. He had heard the State of Tamaulipas may be a staging point. PAO (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) indicated he would look into it and get back to him and deferred inquiries regarding the San Diego-Tijuana area to (b)(6);(b)(7)(C). Advised HQ OPA, LFO mgmt. and given the extreme sensitivity of the topic, recommended coordination between HQ OPA, CMO and OFO, specifically its recently stood up Migration Coordination Center regarding clearance of any statistical request. Expected run date: TBD, Expected tone: neutral to negative.

10/21 update: As of yet there is no clear interview, filming request from CNN, only a request for statistics to assess whether there is a surge of Africans, Asian credible fear applicants arriving at land border ports to determine whether to pursue a story. HQ OPA will rope in with OFO's Migration Coordination Center to obtain statistics of African, Asian inadmissibles by Field Office for FYTD 2016 through August compared to the same period in FY 2015.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C),

10/19: Request from (Acting) ICE Press Secretary Elzea for concurrence from CBP to allow WLS-TV (ABC-Chicago) to record b-roll of the transport and destruction of a shipment of 60 tons of Chinese honey falsely labeled as Vietnamese to avoid antidumping duties seized in April 2016 through collaborative efforts between HSI Chicago and CBP. The honey is believed to be stored at a CBP national seized property warehouse in Laredo, Texas. The forfeiture and destruction is expected in late November 2016. Request would include opportunity for interviews by HSI and CBP. Detroit PAO (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) provided background press materials, imagery. Coordinating with Laredo FP&F Officer, LFO mgmt., LFO CMO PAL regarding confirmation that the honey is stored in Laredo and concurrence, support of the request. Expected tone: positive, Expected run date: TBD.

10/21 update: LFO mgmt. has given their tentative concurrence of the b-roll filming request of the honey transport and destruction contingent upon satisfying a list of six elements identified by Laredo FP&F Officer (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). Chicago PAO (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) will handle Chicago FP&F elements, PAO (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) entered CMO tracker item. Laredo PAO/PAL will handle local vetting of news crew, concurrence from destruction site to allow filming.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

9/22: Sky TV News crew requesting opportunity to film CBP OFO inspections at the El Paso POE November 7. They also want to broadcast live from POE area November 8-9 during and after U.S. presidential election. DHS vetting/INA request submitted.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

#### **NORTHERN & COASTAL BORDER:**

12/5: OPA Atlanta took an enquiry from Jordan Green of [Triad City Beat](#) a weekly print in Greensboro, NC regarding a DACA individual seeking to re-enter the United States. The traveler was denied boarding at Mexico Int. Airport by airlines because of expired advance parole. He further attempted to return to the US and was denied entry at POE El Paso, TX. Reporter submitted some background and questions while requesting OPA comment. Working with OPA Branch Chief and staff able to respond to questions and refer other question to USCIS. Publish date December 14th. Tone: undetermined.

*Privacy Act prevents U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) from discussing specifics of any individual traveler's admissibility review. **Humanitarian Parole** is for emergency situations and cannot be used to circumvent: Normal visa-issuing procedures, preference immigrant visa availability, or processing for refugee status. Is an extraordinary measure, sparingly used. Examples include aliens who: Need specialized, life-saving medical care in the U.S., or have severe medical conditions that make detention or deportation of an otherwise inadmissible alien inappropriate.*

#### **1. What is the likelihood of someone in Mr. Doe's circumstances being approved for humanitarian parole so that he can re-enter the United States and be reunited with his family?**

*CBP does not have the authority to admit an inadmissible alien. However, certain discretionary mechanisms such as a port parole or waiver of documents may be applied to provide relief in appropriate situations when the circumstances of the case merits it. However, discretion cannot be exercised favorably for aliens who may contribute to the illegal population of the United States. A port paroles may*

*be considered in unforeseen or emergent circumstances to allow an alien to temporarily enter the United States.*

**2. What criteria would CPB consider in making a determination on such a case?**

*Common reasons a waiver or parole would be denied at a Port of Entry include: applying for a parole or waiver to circumvent admissibility requirements, circumstances do not constitute a medical emergency, traveler had ample time to apply for a visa, previous criminal history, and previous violations of immigration laws of the U.S.*

**3. How long does it typically take for CPB to make a determination in such cases?**

*It varies as travelers must apply in person and be inspected. CBP does not adjudicate advance paroles. Advance parole requests should be made to USCIS.*

**4. Considering the incoming administration's position on immigration, is CPB making any attempt to expedite immigration cases to resolve them before Jan. 20, when President-elect Trump takes office?**

*CBP enforces the laws that currently exist and we are in no position to speculate on what/if any changes would occur under a new administration.*

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/2: Marc Santia, a reporter from WNBC, requested CBP comment on large seizure of counterfeit phones, reported yesterday as seized by NYPD. Reporter working on 5pm deadline. Request for any additional info for reporter submitted to port. Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/2: Update: Reporters Nidhi Prakash, Fusion; Kirsten Salyer, TIME; Wanyee Li, Metro Vancouver; Daniel Victor, New York Times; and Robin Levinson-King, BBC inquired regarding Canadian photojournalist Ed Ou, who claims he was detained for six hours and had his cellphones searched by CBP officers at the Vancouver airport. He claims he was then denied entry to the U.S. The reporters were provided the following statement:

*"Due to the restrictions of the Privacy Act, Customs and Border Protection does not discuss individual travelers; however, all international travelers arriving to the U.S. are subject to CBP inspection. This inspection may include electronic devices such as computers, disks, drives, tapes, mobile phones and other communication devices, cameras, music and other media players and any other electronic or digital device.*

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12/1: Simon Shaykhet a reporter for ABC Detroit WXYZ completed shooting a piece on the VirTra system in Detroit. Interview included the Port director (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and PAL (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). Simon will be promoting the story leading up to its air date on December 14<sup>th</sup> at 11pm. Simon who is the former PAO of the Detroit FBI Field Office is very pro law-enforcement and a huge proponent of CBP.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)/ PAL (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/1: ICE/HSI in Minneapolis has reached out to OPA in Chicago to coordinate a joint TV story on IPR



violations currently being caught in Minneapolis via DHL and mail shipments. Currently coordinating with the Chicago Field Office for approvals. Story would be part of a Holiday Story for the Minneapolis Markets.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/1: Following the Atlanta Field Office issuing the local news release highlighting K-9 Beagles at Port of Atlanta, WSB-TV requested follow-up covering the work of Agriculture Specialist. On 11/30, reporter Carl Willis followed "Candie" through primary. PD (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) added SME interview that included "Know Before You Go". Air date TDB Tone: Positive

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) PAL: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/28: Robert LeBlanc of Vice is looking to do a photo essay about a day in the life of a Havre Sector Border Patrol Agent. He wants to show the day-to-day life of the agents on the northern border. He feels that the media doesn't show a lot of what is going on up north. He is the brother of Havre Station BPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). Would like to take the photos between Dec. 26 and 30.

Leads: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Havre PAO (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/28: Video journalist Brittany Peterson with McClatchy newspapers reached out to the CBP media relations email on Nov. 22, requesting stats on the immigration influx on the southwest border. She is working on a documentary series on how America is already changing under the forthcoming Trump administration. She has heard numerous reports about an increased number of migrants crossing the US/Mexico border in recent days...a reaction possibly sparked from fear that Trump will quickly crack down on border crossings, and possibly build a wall. She was provided the link to the S-1 statement and the stats page: <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/stats/southwest-border-unaccompanied-children/fy-2017>. She reached out again to request numbers for November. Reporter was informed that November numbers are not available at this time, but should be posted to the previously sent link when they are available.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/25: Bryan Anderson, a reporter with the duopoly ABC/NBC affiliates in Fort Myers requested latest information on seizures of counterfeit hoverboards in Florida for story airing this afternoon on Black Friday. Provided Hoverboard Enforcement Update released this past summer along with information to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. May arrange an interview over the next few weeks if outlet would like to do a follow-up report.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/25: Jose Alberto Irizarry producer for the newscast of Puerto Rico Public Broadcasting (WIPM/WIPR Channels 6 and 3) is producing a piece on Illegal Immigration to Puerto Rico. He would like to interview a spokesperson from Border Patrol on the overall picture of this phenomenon in the island. He has 4 weeks to produce the piece. Ramey Border Patrol has approved the request. Date for interview and visit TBD.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/25: Jose Sanchez Fournier, reporter for El Nuevo Dia, writes for a Saturday Section called "Cronicas" in which they prepare a story behind the scenes of what certain professions do for a living on a day to day basis. He seeks to do a story with CBP agents and officers (AMO, BP and OFO) regarding their day to day work. Approval has been sought from all three operational components. Dates for embed and interviews to be determined. Story would run on a Saturday right after the visit.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/21: On 11/22 the CBS affiliate in Vermont (WCAX) will interview Border Patrol Agent (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) who found a hunter who had been missing in the Vermont woods for four days. Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)/BP PAL (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/18: TVA Canada reporter Jacob Cassidy is working on a story about two Canadian men charged with human smuggling as well as what happened to an Ecuadorian woman who entered the U.S. by illegally crossing the river in a rowboat. Deadline: November 21. Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)/BP PAL (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/15: Keely Herrington, marketing coordinator for Louis Armstrong International Airport (MSY) reached out to New Orleans Field Office for leadership to join in the their show "Airport Alive." This local Government TV access production is picked up by Louisiana public TV markets also airs in the MSY airport. Today, APD (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) participated in the taped interview that was focused on the recent arrival of Global Entry Kiosks, our Global Entry Traveler program and the role of CBP at MSY airport. Air date set for mid- December with MSY Airport program lasting through March 2017. Tone: Positive

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) OFO Pal (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/15: Bernardo Ruiz, a producer with HBO's VICE News Tonight is interested in doing a short feature story about the Northern Border to include an overview of the area's terrain and challenges especially in the winter. He is also interested in what training goes on in terms of emergency preparedness. Timeframe is flexible but looking to film in December if possible.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

10/27: Phil Rogers a reporter with WMAQ NBC Chicago reached out to OPA in Detroit to inquire about doing a story about counterfeit Cubs/Indians merchandise coming through the International Mail Facility in Chicago. IMF currently is not seeing counterfeits coming through. As the World Series progresses we will monitor and re-engage with reporter if we start to see the merchandise being sent via the IMF. Story is being coordinated with HSI Chicago.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) / PAL (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

10/20: Reporter/historian Feliks Banel of KIRO radio in Seattle inquired regarding the history of the border between Canada and the U.S., particularly Washington state and British Columbia. CBP historians are looking into it and will provide information regarding the inquiry. Reporter wanted to do a taped interview Oct. 21, however, due to the complexity of the request it will be pushed back until the information can be compiled. Anticipated tone is positive to neutral.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

9/7: Guy Baillie-Grohman an assistant Producer with nutopia out of the United Kingdom reached out to OPA in Detroit to discuss a potential Crime Technology Series with CNN. Guy is reaching out to forensic units across the United States that have cracked difficult cases by utilizing new forensic techniques. This new show would chronicle the development of an investigation from crime scene to conviction, with each episode in the series telling the story of how a combination of dogged detective work and new forensic technology have worked together to secure a conviction in a complex case. Currently researching information for this. Producer stated they hope to start shooting this new series by November 2016.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

## **NEWS RELEASES:**

12/6: The Blaine Area Port issued a news release regarding a Canadian man who was caught [smuggling Blu-Ray discs](#).

Leads: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), PAL Chet Cory

12/6: Tucson Field Office News Release regarding [Douglas officers seizing more than 200 pounds of marijuana](#). Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/6: Tucson Field Office News Release regarding [San Luis officers seizing \\$420K worth of cocaine](#).

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/6: Tucson Field Office News Release regarding the [seizure of nearly \\$600K worth of hard drugs by CBP officers at the Port of Nogales](#). Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/6: ACTT news release regarding an [Operation Stonegarden seizure by DPS supporting CBP operations](#). Leads: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)/PIO (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)



From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
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Subject: FW: DAILY MEDIA REPORT THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2016  
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From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).  
Sent: Thursday, December 08, 2016 5:37:37 AM  
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) DailyMediaReport  
Subject: DAILY MEDIA REPORT THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2016

**Media Division Daily Media Report  
Thursday, December 8, 2016**

GUIDANCE: Entries in **blue** are new or updated. **Black** entries previously mentioned.  
The submission starts with the date posted on the DMR. For media inquiries, submissions should identify the outlet, name of the reporter(s), topic, request and deadline. For events, submissions should include the following details: date, time, address, label and title of principal officials attending/speaking, type of event.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:**

**C1/C2 EVENTS:**

**CONGRESS, SLT, NGO, OTR:**

**MEDIA EVENTS:**

12/6: On Wednesday December 14, C2 will participate in a press event with Senator Wyden in Portland, Oregon, to highlight CBP trade enforcement efforts, seized IPR infringing goods, trafficked wildlife items, and some treatment of AD/CVD enforcement and enforcement of forced labor prohibitions.  
Location: Port Office at Alderwood. Time: 10:00 A.M. (AKST). Duration: 30 minutes.  
Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).

12/2: Laredo Sector Border Patrol is coordinating an aerostat visit tour for Congressman Henry Cuellar embedded with press tentative date for December 15<sup>th</sup>. Laredo Sector Border Patrol is developing a tentative agenda which has sector leadership with CODEL visiting the aerostat site located in (b) (7)(E), Texas. We will be taking the CODEL to the aerostat fence line and not inside the compound. Congressman Cuellar's office will be sending a list of media outlets that will be embedded in this this visit. Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/2: OPA is coordinating a media availability for the new Donna Temporary Holding Facility on December 7, 2016. The 75-minute event will include remarks from senior CBP leadership, Q&A session, and walking/talking tour of facility before arrival of first group of migrants.  
12/5 UPDATE: Media advisory sent. Confirmed RSVPs from the following media outlets: KSAT-TV, KVEO-TV, KENS-TV/TEGNA McAllen, Univision Network (McAllen correspondent), KRGV-TV, KGBT-TV, KTLN-TV, The Monitor's Opinion Page, Estrella TV, Reynaldo Leanos for KUT Public Radio.  
Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
12/6 Update: Associated Press and Breitbart News have confirmed attendance.  
12/8 UPDATE: Sample Stories

[New shelter for detained immigrant families will open in Donna](#)  
[CBP Commissioner Tours Tent City near Donna](#)  
[Crowded immigration centers prompt construction of expensive, temporary ones](#)

12/1: On December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 the Chicago Field Office will conduct a Change of Command Ceremony for incoming DFO Robert White. EAC Owen and former DFO Ferrara will be in attendance at the event. Change of Command is open to the media.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

#### **SPECIAL PROJECTS:**

12/7: WIVB-TV in Buffalo will do a news feature on 1/11 on security of area international railroad bridges, covering Border Patrol and OFO activities. Station will air segment during sweeps week in late January 2017. Tone expected: highly positive. Lead: BP PIO (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)/PAL (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/7: Buffalo Field Office DFO and Homeland Security Investigation's Buffalo SAIC will discuss IPR law and seizures in the context of cross-border holiday shopping season on CBP's local TV show, CBP Buffalo-Niagara UPDATE tonight at 5pm. Show will air live, then will be rebroadcast repeatedly during next 30 days, then posted indefinitely for streaming at [www.lctv.net](http://www.lctv.net). Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) PAL (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

9/7: Brad Austin, Renegade 83 productions, recently watched videos on one of the wild mustangs in the TCA Horse Patrol. They are interested in a project that would highlight BP Horse Patrol unit and one of the prisons where our horses are trained. They thought it could make for a great documentary TV show.

The production company is based in Los Angeles and creates/produces a lot of different shows for a wide variety of TV networks ([www.renegade83.com](http://www.renegade83.com)). They are interested in a show concept that tells the stories of both our patrol unit on horseback and the horse trainer / inmate horse training program.

9/30 UPDATE: Project approved, tentatively slated for November.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Principal: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

#### **SOCIAL MEDIA:**

**@CBPArizona**

**@CBPBuffalo**

CBP hires vets! Serve again with CBP. More info? [cbp.gov/careers](http://cbp.gov/careers)

TRUCKERS – new option allows advance payment of user fees to save you time at border – more info? [bit.ly/2gcLHVQ](http://bit.ly/2gcLHVQ)

**@CBPCaribbean**

**@CBPCentralTX**

**@CBPChicago**

**@CBPFlorida**

**@CBPLosAngeles**

**@CBPMid-Atlantic**

**@CBPGreatlakes**

**@CBPGreatPlains**

**@CBPNorthwest**

**@CBPNortheast**

**@CBPRGV**

[@CBPRGV](#) Commissioner R. Gil Kerlikowske leads a press event at a new [#CBP](#) temporary facility near Donna, Texas <http://bit.ly/2gWaPDhhttps://twitter.com/CBPRGV/status/806619621877043204>

[@CBPRGV](#) Agents from the [#USBP](#) [#RGV](#) US Border Patrol's Rio Grande Valley Sector patrol the levee near Mission, Texas <https://twitter.com/CBPRGV/status/806601476697190401>

[@CBPRGV](#) Agents from the [#AMO](#) McAllen Air Branch prepare for takeoff in a UH-1 Huey at the Miller International Airport in McAllen, Texas <https://twitter.com/CBPRGV/status/806601092595404800>

**@CBPArizona**

**@CBPSouthEast**

**@CBPSouthTexas**

Honoring survivors & the memory of those who perished 75 years ago in the attack on Pearl Harbor. Thank you U.S. veterans & active military.

Honrar a los sobrevivientes y el recuerdo de los que fallecieron en el ataque a Pearl Harbor. Gracias veteranos de US y militares activos.

**@CBPWestTexas**

**@CBPSanDiego**

[#SanClemente](#) [#BorderPatrol](#) agents find an abandoned beached vessel loaded with > a ton of marijuana. <http://bit.ly/2gc9uZU>

**HEADQUARTERS:**

12/7: Claudia Torres with AP – Spanish language Service in NYC, inquired about advocates, lawyers and universities are telling DACA holders that if they travel with advanced parole they should return to the US before January 20<sup>th</sup>, when President-elect Trump will be sworn in as President. Some other lawyers are recommending DACA holders not to travel at all. She requested any data on DACA holders who have returned to the US with advance parole since 2012 and any annual data on that and how many of those advanced paroles have been denied or not have been honored by CBP. CBP responded that we would not respond to speculative questions and that we don't track DACA arrivals and denials. Advised her to file a FOIA.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and CMO.

12/7: Alexandra Ellerbeck researcher with the Americas program at the Committee to Protect Journalists, an independent nonprofit press freedom group is writing a piece about concerns about the impact of electronic searches at the border on journalists and their ability protect their sources. CPJ is writing an article about the recent experience of Canadian journalist Ed Ou at the border, as well as the experiences of other journalists who have reported to CPJ that they have been subject to prolonged interrogations or electronic searches.

1. Was the denial of entry to Ou consistent with DHS policy? Will there be any internal response to the incident?
2. Can DHS confirm whether or not Ou's electronic devices were searched?
3. A [2009 directive from CBP](#) outlines what officers are supposed to do when they encounter work-related information by journalists. Is this directive still in effect? Are there other applicable DHS policies that govern how officers are supposed to treat sensitive material such as journalists' protected sources and notes?
4. If journalists are protecting confidential sources and border agents ask to search their electronic devices, does DHS have any advice for how those journalists should respond?
5. Does DHS keep any records when individuals object to an electronic search on the grounds that they are carrying journalistic work material?
6. How does DHS respond to concerns that electronic searches are far more invasive than searching someone's suitcase and could implicate serious privacy concerns?

**CBP Response:**

*"In conducting border searches, CBP officers strictly adhere to all constitutional and statutory requirements, including those that are applicable to privileged, personal, or business confidential information. CBP has strict oversight policies and procedures that implement these constitutional and statutory safeguards. Further information on DHS and CBP privacy policy can be found at [www.dhs.gov/privacy](http://www.dhs.gov/privacy).*

*The DHS Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties investigates complaints alleging a violation by DHS employees of an individual's civil rights or civil liberties. Additional information about the Office is available at [www.dhs.gov/civil liberties](http://www.dhs.gov/civil liberties).*

*Additional information on CBP's search authority, including a copy of CBP's policy on the border search of information, can be found at: [www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/travel/admissibility/](http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/travel/admissibility/).*

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Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/6: Rachel Bluth with Kaiser Health News, requested CBP comment about Americans getting prescriptions in other countries and how often medications for personal use are seized, either at the border or coming into the country through the mail. Since she was on tight deadline, Branch Chief (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) provided CBP perspective over the phone, enforcement priorities and regulations regarding about buying prescriptions drugs abroad. Shared photos of Human Growth Hormone recently seized at LAX IMF and concealment methods.

Lead: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C).

12/1: Caitlin Dickerson of NY Times asked about the temporary facility in Donna, TX and any other facilities. Deadline asap, publication 12/2. Provided her the combined Tornillo/Donna statement and TP below:

*"U.S. Customs & Border Protection (CBP) is standing up a temporary facility adjacent to the Donna-Rio Bravo International Bridge in Donna, Texas to provide additional capacity for unaccompanied children and family units in CBP custody at Ports of Entry and U.S. Border Patrol stations in the area.*

*The temporary site can hold up to 500 people and will provide additional space for those in CBP custody awaiting transfer to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement for processing, detention, and/or removal, or to the Department of Health and Human Services. CBP, assisted by approved contractors onsite, will ensure the basic needs of those in CBP custody are met. CBP will also regularly assess whether to expand these facilities or keep this temporary facility operational based on the volume of people arriving at or between our Ports of Entry, or crossing the border in the South Texas area.*

*We (CBP) opened a similar facility on November 25 at the Tornillo-Guadalupe Port of Entry near El Paso. That too is a temporary facility to provide additional capacity for family units and unaccompanied children along the Southwest border and can hold up to 500 people providing additional space for those in CBP custody awaiting transfer to ICE or HHS. CBP will assess the need to keep this temporary facility operational based on the volume of people arriving there as well.*

*U.S. Customs & Border Protection's processing of illegal border crossers is conducted in accordance with U.S. immigration laws while also addressing this migratory surge in a humane way, consistent with our border security mission and our American values."*

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/1: Stephen Dinan, Washington Times in following up on Chief Morgan's testimony asked if CBP was requested legislative relief with regard to credible fear claims that have risen 'exponentially'.

Providing the below negative response:

*"U.S. Customs & Border Protection has not sought legislative or policy changes in regard to credible fear claims."*

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/21: Anjali Tsui freelance journalist with ProPublica together with the Miami Herald, are preparing to publish a story about foreign government officials who have entered the US despite ongoing investigations and corruption charges. He requested comment from US Customs and Border Protection regarding former Panamanian President Martinelli left Panama on Jan. 28, 2015, just hours before his country's Supreme Court announced a formal investigation into charges that he had embezzled \$45 million. Provided Privacy Act statement.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/21: David Ingram of Thomson-Reuters requested a comment on the letter from Governor Cuomo (NY) with recommendations to bolster safety protocols and JFK following the panic/self-evacuation in August. Deadline is ASAP, forwarded to Front Office for vis and coordinating with CMO for a response.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/21: WatchDog.com's Kenric Ward posted a story on which Mike Hayes of Buzzfeed and KRGV's Christian von Preysing picked up and are awaiting comment regarding the NBPC-reported shut-down of Operation Phalanx. Coordinating with USBP for statement but provided the interim:

*"U.S. Customs and Border Protection is looking to continue that partnership into 2017, as we have for decades. CBP has already reached out to DOD to request our partner's continued support.*

*Reporters have asked for evidence as the NBPC is actively pushing back stating that DHS is seeking to re-start it only as a result of their reporting the discontinuation.*

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/09: Samantha Cooney from Motto, a Time Magazine-female oriented website, interviewed with B2,

Chief Provost about her promotion. Questions asked were as follows: Anticipated publication date is TBD, but possibly this week.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/1: Glenn Ruppel producer with ABC News "20/20", contacted OPA to discuss a potential story about the security along the Canadian border. He stated he had read and watched some of the recent stories about the struggle to cover such a long border with much fewer resources than are employed to the south. He's is open for the possibility of spending riding along with some BP agents there. The hope is for a one hour "20/20" that's sort of a snowy version of an episode of Border Wars. Though in addition to embedding with some agents, he would also be interested in trying to set up interviews with some of those CBP have captured – smugglers etc.—and have on surveillance tape. They would like to start sometime over the next few weeks, but they are flexible. Also no need for the whole border, just some key spots that have the possibility of getting us some decent action. And combine that with agents who have particularly strong personalities that would work well on camera. Deadline: Next few weeks. OPA to discuss internally.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C),

#### **Enforcement:**

12/7 Alex Zavis from LA Times is working on a series of stories to run once a week the weeks of 12/10, 12/17, 12/24/ and 12/31 regarding the 'migration pipeline' through South/Central America and the populations it includes (Middle East, Middle Asia, Africans, etc.). She is requesting:

1. Could you please provide us the spreadsheet that contains the accurate breakdown by nationality for apprehensions along the Southern border between FY2009 and FY2014?
2. Was there any kind of operation taking place in 2012 or 2015 that might help account for the increase in apprehensions? Did anything come up in the interviews that might help explain this spike? And have you seen numbers like this before from India, or was this something new?
3. Could you please provide the number of inadmissibles from India, Pakistan, Nepal and Bangladesh who presented themselves at ports of entry along the southern border in FY2009-FY2014.
4. Could you please provide a complete breakdown by nationality of all inadmissibles along the southern border in FY2009 – FY2014.

Her deadline for the first three requests is Friday Dec. 9.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/6: Franco Ordonez from Miami Herald and El Nuevo Herald requested Cuban inadmissible data from 2010-2016. Provided him stats from 2010-2016 YTD (through August) and language. Publication date TBD

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/2: Sarah Zaman from Voice of America is interested in doing a TV report on the challenges that CBP personnel face in keeping America's borders safe, especially those who work as immigration officers at ports of entry. She would like to schedule a visit with a cameraman to the CBP Global Borders College at the Advanced Training Center in Harpers Ferry, W.Va., film various aspects of training and education and interview a few trainers and students. Date TBD.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/30: John Burnette from NPR wants to visit the San Diego to do an explainer piece about the different types of fencing. He's requesting dates of Jan 11-12. They are also requesting a ride along

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/23: Fernanda Santos from NY Times is working on a story about the heroin epidemic in the United States. Her piece will focus on the work of Homeland Security Investigations special agents stationed in Rio Rico, Ariz. She spent the day with them responding to port calls in Nogales. She is requested OFO seizure data from 2015-2016 (YTD) for the southwest border. Deadline is Monday Nov 28, publication date anticipated for Dec. 1.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/23: John Bonifield from CNN wants heroine seizure data from 2016. He's working on a story about the opioid epidemic in the US. He's gotten a good number from C1's April testimony. Deadline is flexible. Air date is TBD.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/17: Nippon TV (Japanese) reporter Ken Miura is conducting research into the construction of the Mexico-U.S. border fence, in particular under the Secure Fence Act of 2006 and the SBI program that followed. He wants a list of companies that were granted contracts by the USACE in the time between 2006 and 2010 for the construction of the border fence.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/15: NBC Nightly News has two requests in to film at RGV about the migrant influx. Working with local leadership to accommodate. Film dates anticipated 11/16-11/18.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/8: CNN reporter Rosa Flores has requested Syrian data from the SBO by month for 2015-2016. Says she is working on a story about Syrians entering from the southwest border. Undetermined deadline, and publication date.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/2: Texas Tribune's Elly Dearman has requested marijuana and heroin seizure data from 2000-present. She is working on two stories. One is a story about the growing opioid problem in Texas, and she wanted to look at heroin seizures to see how they correspond as a sidebar to the story. The other is to look at trends in the amount of marijuana crossing the border to see how that has changed since its legalization in several states. Her deadline is end of this week or early next week. BP has provided stats, awaiting FO approval. Anticipated publication date is Dec 9.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/1: KPBS reporter Jean Guerrero has asked for a border fence construction timeline going back to 1900. She is working on a story about Aguilas del Desierto, a group of volunteers who go out to rescue migrants who get lost crossing the border, or to find their remains to help give families closure. She has interviewed that group, the University of San Diego's Trans-Border Institute and BORSTAR. BPFTI PMO has proved fence data. Reporter says deadline is Nov 9. Stats provided to reporter.

Update: Broadcast date is 12/12

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

10/4: Reporter Johannes Kuhn, a reporter who is covering the United States for Suddeutsche Zeitung ([www.sz.de](http://www.sz.de)), Germany's biggest broadsheet-newspaper, is working on a story about immigration and border security, and asked for "a statistic that says how many of the immigrants come with & without passports (percentage)?" He clarified to state "I am looking for information about the people who are making their entrance over the Southern border to Mexico without having a valid Visa or similar documents that allow for regular entry, and who are apprehended on U.S. soil (illegal border crossing)." He is specifically interested in the land border between the U.S. and Mexico. The request is pending review by the CMO.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

#### **HRM/Technology:**

12/7: GovTechWorks.com reporter, William Matthews, is working a piece on the governments use of technology – specifically, the increasing security on the Southwest Border. He is trying to get information on which types of technology and how much is being used and considered. Currently he does not have a deadline.



Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

9/7: CNBC Producer, Karina Frayter wishes to produce a CBP recruiting story for their series "Where the Jobs Are", to tell the story of the CBP Frontline hiring as well as training of CBP officers/agents.

10/3: Update - Coordinating with USBP and HRM to determine who, when and where the project should be. Filming beginning of October – air date November 4<sup>th</sup>.

10/4 Update: Location set with BP is El Paso. Gloria Chavez looped in on this effort.

10/7: - Update: ACPA (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) is the El Paso POC. And I has been asked to select a new female BP agent and provide ride-along details. Dates for a C1 interview are pending, as is the name of a POC at the BP Academy to arrange the requisite Academy video elements for the shooting team.

10/27 Update: They are looking at January air date. Notified the impacted CBP POC's.

11/18 Update: Set air date for the show is Jan 6<sup>th</sup>. B1 will be interviewed instead to C1. Conference call set for 11/21 to define logistics of shooting schedule. Filming will begin mid December.

12/2 Update: B1 telephonic interview went very well. Sent questions asked to the NFRC/HRM to get the appropriate language for B1's answers.

12/2 Update: 14 Dec filming in El Paso has been set, waiting on the return of the film crews vetting form to lock in the academy (15 Dec).

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/5: NBC News is set to post online an interview they had with AC Glawe in September. The interview is due to be posted by the end of the week online. The interview focused on government insiders that have impactful jobs. It was an "in their own word" interview that went well.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

#### **Travel:**

11/30: Andrea Peterson, a tech reporter for the Washington Post, inquired about the number of electronic searches performed at the border each year. She is writing an article about Canadian photojournalist Edward Ou who claims CBP agents asked him to unlock his mobile phones on Oct. 1 at Vancouver Preclearance before being denied entry to the U.S. The ACLU sent a letter to Secretary Johnson and the Commissioner objecting to Ou's treatment. Deadline is 11/30. Publication date is TBD.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/30: Chris McGinnis from Travel Skills is writing about Global Entry renewals. Deadline is 12/2. Publication date is TBD.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/30: Scott Rouch is writing a story on Global Entry for WhereTraveler.com. Publication date is TBD.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/15: Drafting a news release about the Departure Verification System which is part of the Departure Information Systems Test for the use of facial recognition software for air passengers at the Atlanta Hartsfield International Airport. Date for issuance is to be determined.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

#### **Trade:**

12/5: Tim Warren saw that CBP release reports on AD/CVD and the Byrd amendment distributions, and notes a significant drop in the uncollected duties from FY15 to FY16. Tim wants to know the circumstances around the stats. OT recommends Office of Finance respond. His deadline is 12/5 but is flexible, publish date is as soon as possible. Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/30: OT is working on a draft press release to announce the new online portal for EAPA submissions. The portal will be live tomorrow, December 1<sup>st</sup>, and the Commissioner is announcing it in his opening



remarks tomorrow at ECTS. 12/5: OPA is edited and posted release on [cbp.gov](http://cbp.gov) Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/1: Tim Warren is scheduled to interview Robert McMillan re his new role as XD of Regulatory Audi/first 90 days. Interview tentative next of 12/5. Conducted media training with XD McMillan on 11/16. Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/1: Working with OT on E-bond team receiving Commissioner's award. Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/1: American Shipper has asked to interview the CTPAT team re Trusted Trader and Minimum Security Requirements. Request sent to CMO on 12/1. Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/21: OT has shared draft FY16 IPR stats press release, which included C1 quote to be vetted through the front office. Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/21: OT FY16 Trade stats provided to OPA for inclusion on DHS Trade and Travel press release. Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

### **SOUTHWEST BORDER:**

12/6 EFE Noticias – Maria Leon, KOLD – Reck Craig, Univision AZ – Oscar Gomez, Nogales International – Arielle Zions, The Guardian – Rory Carroll, Telemundo Arizona – Karla Escamilla, and Tucson Sentinel – Paul Ingram reached out to Tucson Sector Border Patrol for comment on a report by No More Deaths and Derechos Humanos, two Tucson-based NGOs. The report discusses how "U.S. border enforcement policy coupled with the Border Patrol practice of chasing and scattering migrants causes a crisis of death and disappearance in the borderlands."

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**Statement:** *Many migrant deaths result from smugglers who knowingly victimize people wanting quick passage into the United States. Smugglers lie, telling their "customers" their passage will be safe, but in reality, the terrain is treacherous and the conditions are extreme. Many are led to their deaths by smugglers more concerned about making money than they are about the lives of others. The Tucson Sector Border Patrol deploys assets and resources to areas where a majority of migrant deaths and rescues occur. We currently have 36 rescue beacons throughout the sector. In addition, all U.S. Border Patrol agents are trained to handle immediate medical needs in the field. In the Tucson Sector, we have more than 230 agents trained as Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs), as well as 54 Border Patrol Search, Trauma and Rescue (BORSTAR) agents. CBP values human life, and we collaborate closely with foreign government officials, law enforcement partners, and community organizations to educate potential migrants about the true dangers of crossing the border illegally.*

12/6: Peggy Sutton, BBC Radio, is producing a story on immigration in America. Interview with reporter to explain Border Patrol daily operations, emphasizing BSI messaging and work being done to save lives along the border...a "BP101" as this will be reporter's first encounter with Border Patrol. Approved by OPA. Anticipate a neutral story for CBP.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

PIO: BPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/5 EFE Noticias, KOLD, Univision AZ and Nogales International want a comment on a report by No More Deaths and Derechos Humanos that U.S. border enforcement policy, coupled with the Border Patrol practice of chasing and scattering migrants, are responsible for migrant deaths and disappearance in the borderlands. A statement has been approved by OPA for use after their report.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/6: San Diego Sector received a media inquiry from reporter Pauline Repard with the San Diego Union Tribune regarding an early morning failure to yield incident in San Clemente. She was provide the following information. On December 6, at about 2:20 a.m., a Border Patrol agent was nearly struck by a

Dodge Dart sedan while conducting inspection duties at the Border Patrol checkpoint on northbound Interstate 5, near San Clemente. The driver of the Dodge Dart, a 26-year-old man, immediately sped away from the checkpoint and was followed by agents northbound on Interstate 5 to Cristianitos Road. The man of the suspect vehicle crashed into a tree at the Interstate 5 southbound onramp on Cristianitos Road. The crash caused the Dodge Dart to catch fire, which was extinguished by agents. The man was transported to a nearby hospital for precautionary measures.

12/7: Could not find SDUT story but OC Register did run one - [http://www.ocregister.com/articles/border-737642-\(b\)\(7\)\(E\)agent.html](http://www.ocregister.com/articles/border-737642-(b)(7)(E)agent.html)

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/6: Laredo Sector Border Patrol is coordinating an aerostat visit tour for Congressman Henry Cuellar embedded with press tentative date for December 15<sup>th</sup>. Laredo Sector Border Patrol is developing a tentative agenda which has sector leadership with CODEL visiting the aerostat site located in (b) (7)(E), Texas. We will be taking the CODEL to the aerostat fence line and not inside the compound. Media that will be embedded in this tour consist of Laredo Morning Times – Julia Wallace; KGNS – Valerie Gonzalez; KLDO – Carlos Diaz Warns; Televisa – Rogelio Guzman; El Financiero/El Lider – Javier Amieva; Rio Grande Guardian – Melva Lavin; El Manana de Nuevo Laredo – Paco Diaz; Radio IMAGEN – Nadya Avila; The Monitor (McAllen) – Sandra Sanchez; KGBT – Eddie Flores; KRGV – Christian von Preysing; Telemundo 40 – Jorge Viñals. Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/5: SDOFO and SDC received a request from Mr. Brian Epstein, a Producer with ABC News in LA. He is requesting to visit SYS capture B-roll of port operations (people, vehicles, technology and to also take a Border Tour to film BP fencing, and infrastructure for their upcoming border security/immigration stories expected before the inauguration. He will likely come on his own and there is no need for any official interviews but an explanation of what he is filming would be helpful. He has requested **Tuesday,**

**December 13<sup>th</sup>** to conduct this. SDOFO and SDC are considering his request.

12/7: Approved by OFO, CMO and SDC. Will start in the morning on 12/13 to capture B-roll.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/5: SDOFO received an information request from Manuel Ayala of News Week Espanol who is working a story regarding international migration. He is requesting if there are agency records on periodic migration similar to the one that is being experience right now with the Haitian Nationals who have been arriving via Tijuana to the U.S. He is looking at what other migratory movements have also ended up here either for political reasons in their countries, because they are fleeing their country, or something to that effect. He is asking for information that goes back several years. He is also requesting statistics or averages of which countries outside of America have the most of their citizens (international migrants) arriving to Tijuana to cross into the U.S. CMO is reviewing the request. Deadline was 12/6.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and SCBPO (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/5: SDOFO received a request from the Cross Border Express (CBX) sponsor to film CBP operations at the CBX by CBS News reporter Peter Greenberg. The piece is to highlight the success of the CBX, how significant it has become to the economy on both side of the border and aims to show a good example of private/public partnership. Peter Greenberg is the CBS News Travel Editor who reports regularly on The Early Show will be interviewing the CEO and CFO of Volaris (a Mexican airline company) and the CBX sponsor leadership. CBS News would film B-roll of the CBP operations and possibly hold an interview with APD (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). CBS visit is scheduled for 12/7. SDOFO approved. Pending CMO approval.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and SCBPO (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/5: A DHS multi-media agreement was approved for Victor Levin, a writer and executive producer with Starz Network who is working on a pilot story that involves the use of the Calexico port of entry as the main characters will be playing a CBPO officer and commuting agricultural worker. This is to get a writer's perspective for the pilot. Filming period is 12/12-13. No operational disruption is expected.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and SCBPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/5: Freelance photographer Ivan Pierre Aguirre requesting information on border fencing gaps for photo project to support unspecified Texas Tribune/PBS story. OPA still researching. Photographer advises it will be similar to [their recent collaboration](#).

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/5: OPA preparing for possible media inquiries related to recent denial of humanitarian parole to Mexican female/previous violator wishing to travel to Chicago to be with her sick child. A [weekend commentary piece in the El Paso Times](#) suggested a gathering/march on Tuesday. OPA prepared to speak in general terms about the process if asked but not any specific encounter. Negative tone anticipated.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/5 Richard Marosi, LA Times, wants to write a story on the U.S. Border Patrol's Integrated Fixed Towers being deployed along the Arizona border. His interest is in how the Border Patrol is using the technology, if it is successful in comparison with SBI-Net, and how it fits with other pieces of infrastructure. He wants to visit tower sites and C2 (Control Rooms) in Nogales, Arizona. He is hoping for a tour sometime next week. Sending to OPA for approval. Anticipate a neutral story for CBP.

[12/8 UPDATE: Engagement delayed until January](#)

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/5 Kristin Haubrich, KOLD Tucson, reached out to Tucson Sector Border Patrol for comment on legislation introduced by Sen. Jeff Flake and Sen. Heidi Keikamp, called the CBP HiRe Act. Provided the following statement:

*"CBP does not comment on pending legislation."*

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/2: SDC received a request from reporter Olivier Michel with Le Figaro, a French magazine, who requested to photograph a Border Patrol agent and the fence in San Diego and interview the agent on the challenges to stop illegal immigration along the border. We will meet at a neutral location that provides a view of our fencing, camera towers, stadium lighting, all weather roads, Tijuana, MX, and also have him meet with a BPA for an interview for information and facts on 12/15. Locally vetted and cleared. He would post the story upon return to France in mid-Jan.

[12/7: Date set for 12/15 at 0900.](#)

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and BPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/2: Austin American Statesman PolitiFact Texas reporter Gardner Selby contacted OPA regarding a recent claim by U.S. Rep. Roger Williams of Texas that under Nafta, a lot of trucks from Mexico drive through the U.S. border without being inspected. He also referred to Kansas City as the terminal point. OPA directed him to USDOT/FMSCA for feedback on the inland trucking portion of the inquiry and sent links on NFAST and CTPAT to address CBP handling of commercial traffic. Negative to neutral tone anticipated.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/2: Staff reporter Kyle Jaeger with ATTN.com, a digital media story/news site, based in Los Angeles, is working on a series of stories (6) related to the movement of the legalization of marijuana. He will attempt to explore different aspects of the legalization movement — from a criminal justice, economic, and health perspective. For CBP's portion within first project, he would like to speak to a CBP official about what their job entails, their experiences with marijuana-related border enforcement, and how drug trafficking has changed over the past five years, and observe anti-drug smuggling port operations. The final product would be release on their social media platforms — Facebook, Twitter, Instagram — and on their website [attn.com](#). Their deadline is 1/15. SDOFO is reviewing the request.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and SCBPO (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/2: Pedro Rojas, Univision Network's McAllen correspondent, and Carlos Diaz Warns, KLDO-TV

(Univision-Laredo) had inquired and asked if Cubans are being denied entry into Laredo. They provided a video of Cubans waiting on the Mexican side of Laredo's Gateway to the Americas Bridge who were told they were given an appointment time the next day to return for processing and could not wait at the port. Warns interviewed Cubans waiting on the Mexican side for appointment. The Laredo Port of Entry had recently implemented a metering system to manage volume of Cuban asylum requests. Coordinated with LFO and OPA mgmt. and provided Rojas and Diaz Warns the below approved statement:

*Statement: Ports are managing flows commensurate with each port's capacity to safely process arriving aliens while providing essential services to ensure their health and safety. OTM Aliens, that were not deemed high risk, are provided with a Government of Mexico social services resource list and an appointment window to return to the POE for processing.*

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/2: KURV-AM radio requested a radio interview on the Donna temporary holding facility. Provided the holding statement and advised that a media preview event is forthcoming and more information will be shared at that time. Expected run date: 12/2, expected tone: neutral to negative.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/2: OPA responded to an inquiry from Laredo Morning Times reporter regarding a news release about the indictment of a Del Rio Sector Border Patrol agent for child pornography. Statement included the bullet points from a prepared RTQ: Response to Query - If asked, we can confirm that (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) 1) is a U.S. Border Patrol Agent 2) is assigned to the Del Rio Station 3) has been on the job for 17 years 4) is currently on administrative leave. Statement: "U.S. Border Patrol will continue to work with our law enforcement partners to bring this issue to a resolution. CBP stresses honor and integrity in every aspect of our mission, and the overwhelming majority of CBP employees and officers perform their duties with honor and distinction, working tirelessly every day to keep our country safe. We do not tolerate corruption or abuse within our ranks, and we fully cooperate with any criminal or administrative investigations of alleged misconduct by any of our personnel, on or off duty." Further inquiries should be directed to the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Inspector General - (202) 254-4100.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/1: Nigel Duara, L.A. Times, wants a tour of the (b) (7)(E) and a briefing on the CBP 911 response. Currently collecting more information from the reporter.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/1: Pete Kasperowicz News editor, Washington Examiner contacted OPA requesting information on how much the Tornillo and Donna facilities are costing the agency. Requesting information from CAT if available. Negative tone anticipated.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/1: Pilar Marrero Senior Political Reporter, IMPREMEDIA contacted OPA regarding surge of migrant FAMU and UAC's at southwest border. OPA provided link to latest data available on CBP webpage. Impremedia supplies content to many U.S. based Spanish language news outlets. Neutral tone anticipated. No publication date.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/1: RGV PAO escorted journalist Giles Lambertson to the NASOC facility in Corpus Christi. Mr. Lambertson is writing a story for Smithsonian Air and Space magazine on AMO and its mission on the Southwest Border. Mr. Lambertson was given an operational brief which covered a unit overview, mission statement, AMO partners, hemispheric operations, equipment and a VaDER overview. DAO (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was interviewed. Topics included capabilities, staffing, support, inter-agency cooperation (USBP, USCG, AMO, etc.). Mr. Lambertson was given a tour of a P-3, walk around of a MQ9 Predator and he was able to observe P-3 and MQ9 launches. Mr. Lambertson had previously visited the McAllen Air and Marine Branch for his story.

Publication Date: TBD Tone: Positive

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/30: SDC received a request from reporter Nicole Spohn Almeida, a USC with Deutsche Welle German TV out of Los Angeles who wants to illustrate the current situation at the California border and to portray the work of a Border Patrol agent and understand challenges along the border. We will meet at a neutral location that provides a view of our fencing, camera towers, stadium lighting, all weather roads, Tijuana, MX, and also have her meet with a BPA for an interview for information and facts on 12/2. She would broadcast the b-roll and interview over the coming weekend.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and BPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/30: El Diario de Juarez and Norte Juarez newspaper contacted PAL (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) regarding a baby kidnapping case garnering much attention in local the Spanish language media. The child was allegedly stolen in Juarez and taken to Roswell before being returned to Juarez late on 11/29. Press wanted to know how child could have been brought through the POE if kidnapped in Mexico. PAL discussed inspection process and questioned if that had actually been established. Neutral to negative tone anticipated.

12/1: UPDATE – KVIA-TV/EI Paso followed up on the story. OPA provided the following statement:  
*"While CBP cannot speak about individual encounters because of privacy provisions, CBP can state that all people entering the U.S. are subject to inspection to confirm that they are admissible. If a traveler has not yet received a birth certificate for an infant, CBP can accept either the birth record issued by the hospital, a letter on hospital letterhead or a letter from the doctor who delivered the child providing details of the birth, including the name of the child, time and place of birth, and names of parents. CBP officers will utilize their experience, interview techniques and available technology combined with information provided by the traveler to determine admissibility. If someone is found to be smuggling an infant (or any person) through a port of entry by using documents belonging to a different person (imposter) or by making a false claim for citizenship that person can be arrested and prosecuted for alien smuggling. Those charges can be retroactively applied if a violation is discovered after the fact."*

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/30: Belgian newspaper HET BELANG VAN LIMBURG reporter Ruben Steegen contacted OPA requesting opportunity to visit with OBP for a line tour/interview regarding current enforcement efforts and Trump wall. OPA advised that we could not accommodate a tour because of vetting constraints and that we would not be speaking to incoming administration proposals. OPA advised that an off-site OBP 101 type interview may be available. Currently checking with EP Sector to see if they can accommodate. Neutral tone. No publication date.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/30: ABC News Nightline producer Shannon Crawford advises that the network is doing a piece on the Arizona Border Recon civilian militia group operating in the Arizona desert. ABC was looking for CBP statement regarding the group and the work they are doing. CBP developing a response. Neutral tone anticipated. No air date.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/30: El Paso Times reporter Sara Sanchez contacted OPA regarding comments related to the Cross Border Trade Enhancement Act which would make it easier for the agency/municipalities to continue 559 and 560 projects. The act has not been passed/signed into law yet so OPA advised that CBP does not comment on pending matters. OPA did provide [www.cbp.gov](http://www.cbp.gov) 559 and 560 links and mentioned that the programs in place in El Paso and Santa Teresa are doing well. Neutral tone anticipated. Publication December 1.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/30: Fielded media inquiries from Associated Press, Bloomberg News, KNVO-TV, Estrella TV regarding the Donna temporary holding facility and provided copies of the holding statement. Disseminated the statement to media contacts and posted statement to [cbp.gov](http://cbp.gov) Expected rundate: 11/30, expected tone: neutral to negative.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/29: Several media outlets, including KGBT-TV (CBS-RGV), KTLM-TV (Telemundo-RGV), The Monitor (McAllen) sought comment from CBP following a report that surfaced in The Monitor (McAllen) regarding the standing up of a tent city in Donna, TX. CBP PAO (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) provided the following CBP-approved statement on a response to query basis. Expected rundate: 11/29, expected tone: neutral to negative.  
*Statement*

*U.S. Customs & Border Protection (CBP) is standing up a temporary facility adjacent to the Donna-Rio Bravo International Bridge in Donna, Texas to provide additional capacity for unaccompanied children and family units in CBP custody at Ports of Entry and U.S. Border Patrol stations in the area. The temporary site can hold up to 500 people and will provide additional space for those in CBP custody awaiting transfer to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement for processing, detention, and/or removal, or to the Department of Health and Human Services. CBP, assisted by approved contractors onsite, will ensure the basic needs of those in CBP custody are met. CBP will also regularly assess whether to expand these facilities or keep this temporary facility operational based on the volume of people arriving at or between our Ports of Entry, or crossing the border in the South Texas area. CBP is prepared to add housing, beds, toilets, and bathing facilities as necessary.*

*CBP continues to work with other federal and international agencies to discourage individuals from embarking on the dangerous trip to enter the United States illegally, and will provide additional information in the near future.*

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/29: Lawrence Wright, Texas-based writer from New Yorker Magazine, and Monica Ortiz-Urbe from "Fronteras", are requesting a border tour together in El Paso on either 11-30 or 12-1. Mr. Wright wants to get a perspective of a Border Patrol agent with specific interest in current challenges that agents face in regard to border issues (undoc. immigrants crossings, as opposed to narcotics or people smuggling; how the border community sees itself as opposed to those who are not on the border; will expectations increase or decrease in the future when it comes to demands? Request will be scheduled by El Paso Sector personnel if they are available. Reporter Ortiz-Urbe says she is going along just to accompany him. <http://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2015/07/06/five-hostages>  
<http://www.fronterasdesk.org/staff/%2099>

Leads: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), SOS (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/29: El Diario de El Paso reporter Juliana Henao wanted to confirm if CBP was planning to use an avatar system to screen people at border POE's as described in this link:  
<http://www.popsoci.com/article/technology/animated-avatar-could-screen-humans-national-security>. OPA advised that CBP is not mentioned in story and that reporter should check with system maker about possible clients.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/29: KTHR-AM 740/Houston reporter Nik Rajkovic contacted CBP requesting comments about SWB drug seizure activity mentioned in [this article/study](#) at drugabuse.com. OPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) provided links to CBP.gov and offered general sound on tape regarding CBP enforcement activity. Positive tone anticipated/stories should be running 11/29.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/28: Rory Carroll, The Guardian, has been given approval for a ride-along on the Arizona border. He is considering this to be a "straight news feature" on daily Border Patrol operations. He will be meeting PIO (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) in Nogales on Tuesday, Nov. 29. Tucson Sector Border Patrol will push BSI messaging.

Tone is expected to be neutral.

PIO: Border Patrol Agent (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/28: Daniel Gonzalez, Arizona Republic, requested information regarding the number of Haitians being apprehended by USBP and encountered by OFO. We are collecting preliminary information and looping in OPA.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)



11/29: Troy Hayden, Fox 10 Phoenix, conducted a brief on-camera spot with a Tucson Sector Border Patrol PIO pointing and out smuggling/scouting activity in Mexico. General information discussed. Neutral tone anticipated. Elements of interview to be included in story of OBP led tour for various elected officials. Broadcast date 11/29.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/28: RGV PAO will facilitate ride along with Univision Nacional reporter Federica Narancio Genesi on November 29, 2016. Focus of story will be current trends in FMAU and UAC numbers. Ride along will be conducted in the McAllen and Rio Grande City AOR's

Publication Date: TBD Tone: Positive to Neutral.

11/29: UPDATE RGV PAO facilitated ride along with Univision Nacional Federica Narancio Genesi on November 29, 2016. They were able to document FMAU and UAC activity (3 Groups). Principal for interviews (Spanish) was SBPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/28: Journalist Felipe Vergara Petrescu with a Chilean TV company called MEGA, requested to record work done along the border on either 12/10 or 12/11. Due to limited time to vet foreign media, they were offered to meet a neutral location outside our enforcement zone that would provide a view of our fencing and our camera towers, stadium lighting, all weather roads, Tijuana, MX, and also have them meet with a BPA for an interview for information and facts. He requested a Spanish speaker.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and BPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

1/27: French reporter, Anna Cuxac [www.facebook.com/causette](http://www.facebook.com/causette) from French magazine *Causette*, wanted to interview someone at the El Paso Sector (EPT) about the #HugsNotWall initiative, a special interest project being coordinated presently by the local chapter of El "Border Network of Human Rights" (BNHR). The media outlet requested that EPT explain how Border Patrol is working to make the #HugsNotWall operation possible; what that project means; the anticipated impact of the project and an explanation of how this relationship affects Border security. It also asked for information relating to "whether the election victory by Donald Trump would impact this project?". The media outlet was provide a short statement regarding EPT's relationship with BNHR: "The U.S. Border Patrol-El Paso Sector works with a number of special interest organizations such as BNHR and other stakeholders to develop and maintain a strong sense of harmony in the community as it relates to border issues. "The reporter was also informed that "the agency is NOT in a position to speculate on how the presidential election would impact CBP personnel, or its operations that involve partner organizations in the community."

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/28: Milenio Television reporter Jose Antonio Belmont requested information late on 11/25 regarding the ongoing Anapra (NM) border fence replacement project. Reporter was interested in when project began and when it will be completed, nature of the work, who is doing the construction and costs. El Paso Sector communications replied to reporter and provided basic information. Neutral tone anticipated. No broadcast data.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/25: As contractors began to position heavy earth-moving equipment to perform site preparation for installation of the temporary holding facility adjacent to Donna-Rio Bravo International Bridge, PAO (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) drafted a holding statement based on the Tornillo statement in anticipation of potential media interest in the facility. The statement would be provided on a response to query basis. LFO mgmt. reviewed and concurred with statement. Statement sent for CBP Front Office review, Migration CAT concurrence. Front Office edits incorporated. No media inquiries as of press time. LFO CMO PAL (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) secured LFO Audio Visual Team deployment to capture still, video footage of construction development over weekend. Statement:

*"U.S. Customs & Border Protection is standing up a temporary facility adjacent to the Donna-Rio Bravo International Bridge to address an overflow of unaccompanied children and family units in CBP custody at the ports and stations in the area."*

*The temporary site can hold up to 500 people. CBP, assisted by contractors onsite, will ensure that all of the basic needs of those in CBP custody are met. CBP will regularly assess the need to expand the facilities and is prepared to add housing, beds, toilets and bathing facilities as needed. CBP will also regularly assess the need to keep this temporary facility operational based on the volume of people arriving at ports or crossing the border in the South Texas area.*

*The facility will provide additional space for those in CBP custody awaiting transfer to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement for detention and removal, or to the Department of Health and Human Services.*

*CBP will provide additional information in the near future."*

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/21: José Antonio Belmont, Milenio Television reporter from Mexico City, is in Juarez and asking for opportunity to visit Tornillo facility. OPA replied explaining vetting requirements and offered possible off site meeting. OPA also shared news release and photos of the facility. No feedback from reporter.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/21: Washington Examiner news editor Pete Kasperowitz contacted OPA regarding Tornillo facility. He was drilling down on volume of surge and facility did not appear to be equipped to handle and any plans for future locations. OPA responded using prepared Q&A responses. Story should run Tuesday. Neutral to negative tone anticipated.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).

11/21: Televisa/Mexico journalist Alan Perez asked if prison/detention contractors GEO or CCA were contractor for the Tornillo facility. OPA researching but advised that the facility will be run and managed by CBP. OPA stressed that the facility is an extension of work traditionally done at POE's/BP stations and that this was not a detention center. Neutral to negative tone anticipated. No run date.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/21: RGV PAO will facilitate ride along with Fox News Channel Jeremy Pollard (Photog) and Stephanie Kovak (Producer) on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Will consist of still photography and B-roll of BP agents performing normal operations.

11/23 update: RGV PAO conducted ride along with Fox News Channel Jeremy Pollard (Photog) and Stephanie Kovak (Producer) on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Fox News was able to document, conduct stand ups and shoot B-roll of Border Patrol agents in McAllen AOR encounter a FMAU/UAC group of 35. In the Rio Grande City AOR the crew was able to document, conduct stand ups and shoot B-roll of agents encounter with a FMAU/UAC group of 63. BPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (RGV Comms) was mic'ed up IOT explain the smugglers use of landings in Fronton area. He emphasized personnel, technology and infrastructure and how all were force multiplies in border security. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was able to conduct stand ups in front of over 2000 pounds of marijuana that had been seized by agents in the Rio Grande City AOR.

Date of Publication: 12-7-16 Tone: Positive

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) BPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/21: RGV PAO will facilitate ride along with KSAT reporter Bill Barajas. Topics will include jobs that the agents do on the ground, and what they do to secure the front lines, focus will also address current increase in FMAU/UAC apprehensions. Will occur October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Publication Date: TBD Expected Tone: Positive

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) BPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/17: Sandra Ramirez, KOAT-TV, conducted an interview with EPT on current USBP operations in west Texas and New Mexico.

EPT PAL discussed current measures being utilized to stem the current flow of UDA's into southern N.M. Report is anticipated

to be positive.

Leads: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), SOS PAL (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)



11/16: Jean Guerrero, KPBS (Fronteras), [www.jeanguerrero.com](http://www.jeanguerrero.com) [www.kpbs.org](http://www.kpbs.org) is asking if there is any data available on the biometric testing at Otay Mesa. They are wishing to do a story on a promise made by President-elect Trump during his first 100 days to implement biometrics at all border crossings to catch visa overstays. Request was routed to the CBP Entry/Exit Team, and it was determined that CBP is in the process finalizing the report, and will provide a response to her inquiry no sooner than December. (*once the report is completed*).

Leads: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/15: Grant Hodgson, Coleman-Raynor freelancers for the National Enquirer, requested a ride-along in Tucson Sector and stats (apps, budget) for operations. Story would also include the reporter working with AZ Border Recon, a vigilante group. Seeking OPA guidance.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/15: John Moore, with Getty Images, wants to shoot photos of Border Patrol enforcement activities in the Imperial Sand Dunes. A ride-along with Mr. Moore is currently scheduled for Nov. 17. Tone expected to be neutral.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) PIO (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/15: Dan Marries, KOLD TV, requested information on a cross-border vehicle incursion that occurred yesterday in the Douglas, Arizona area. (b) (7)(E), (b)(6);(b)(7)(C). We are collecting information for a brief statement for the reporter.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/15: CBP PAO conducted AMO operational ride along with AP Photographer Eric Gay and Video Journalist John Mone. Flight was delayed due to fog. Journalists documented Border Patrol tracking, Air and Marine and Border Patrol collaboration and apprehension of two groups. Initial focus of story was press conference regarding 150 detailees being assigned to the Rio Grande Valley attended by Frank Bajak and Eric Gay. Secondary topics were AMO/BP operations, and current trends. Expected rundate: TBD, Expected tone: Positive

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/15: NBC News has requested a visit to the Rio Grande Valley for 11-16-16 to 11-18-16. They have requested a ride along, interview with Chief Padilla, a visit to the detention facilities (removed) and an AMO ride along. Crew will consist of Gabriel Gutierrez, David Douglas, Carlos Huazano, Callahan Moots. Focus will be on the current immigration influx.

Expected run date: TBD, Expected tone: Positive

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/15: Laredo Sector Border Patrol worked on several news stories with local NBC affiliate KGNS and KRGV in the Valley in regards to our Deer Blind Initiative. KGNS also worked on a special news piece on highlighting our BORSTAR unit and rescues. KRGV aired their news piece on Nov. 9, 2016 while the KGNS news piece will air today, November 15-16, 2016. The KGNS news piece on the Deer Blind Initiative will air on Monday, November 21, 2016. Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/15: Local Laredo Sector Border Patrol agents were honored by members of the Webb County Commissioners Court for their win and participation at the World Series Champions of the 2016 of the Police Softball World series held recently in Las Vegas, Nevada. They were presented certificates by members of the Webb County Commissioners Court. The champions were comprised of players from the Webb County Sheriff's Department, Laredo Sector of the Border Patrol and the San Antonio Police Department. Over 1,500 enforcement representatives from the USA and Canada competed. A special news story will be developed for CBPnet. Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

10/25: BBC radio news reporter Declan Harvey is looking for opportunity to meet with OBP/EI Paso

regarding current enforcement activity, work, etc. OBP currently considering request. Reporter understands that CBP will not discuss any political topics. Interview locations also being considered because crew are foreign and cannot clear vetting in time. Neutral tone anticipated.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

10/19: Request from (Acting) ICE Press Secretary Elzea for concurrence from CBP to allow WLS-TV (ABC-Chicago) to record b-roll of the transport and destruction of a shipment of 60 tons of Chinese honey falsely labeled as Vietnamese to avoid antidumping duties seized in April 2016 through collaborative efforts between HSI Chicago and CBP. The honey is believed to be stored at a CBP national seized property warehouse in Laredo, Texas. The forfeiture and destruction is expected in late November 2016. Request would include opportunity for interviews by HSI and CBP. Detroit PAO (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) provided background press materials, imagery. Coordinating with Laredo FP&F Officer, LFO mgmt., LFO CMO PAL regarding confirmation that the honey is stored in Laredo and concurrence, support of the request. Expected tone: positive, Expected run date: TBD.

10/21 update: LFO mgmt. has given their tentative concurrence of the b-roll filming request of the honey transport and destruction contingent upon satisfying a list of six elements identified by Laredo FP&F Officer (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Chicago PAO (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) will handle Chicago FP&F elements, PAO (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) entered CMO tracker item. Laredo PAO/PAL will handle local vetting of news crew, concurrence from destruction site to allow filming.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

9/22: Sky TV News crew requesting opportunity to film CBP OFO inspections at the El Paso POE November 7. They also want to broadcast live from POE area November 8-9 during and after U.S. presidential election. DHS vetting/INA request submitted.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

#### **NORTHERN & COASTAL BORDER:**

12/5: OPA Atlanta took an enquiry from Jordan Green of [Triad City Beat](#) a weekly print in Greensboro, NC regarding a DACA individual seeking to re-enter the United States. The traveler was denied boarding at Mexico Int. Airport by airlines because of expired advance parole. He further attempted to return to the US and was denied entry at POE El Paso, TX. Reporter submitted some background and questions while requesting OPA comment. Working with OPA Branch Chief and staff able to respond to questions and refer other question to USCIS. Publish date December 14th. Tone: undetermined.

*Privacy Act prevents U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) from discussing specifics of any individual traveler's admissibility review. **Humanitarian Parole** is for emergency situations and cannot be used to circumvent: Normal visa-issuing procedures, preference immigrant visa availability, or processing for refugee status. Is an extraordinary measure, sparingly used. Examples include aliens who: Need specialized, life-saving medical care in the U.S., or have severe medical conditions that make detention or deportation of an otherwise inadmissible alien inappropriate.*

#### **1. What is the likelihood of someone in Mr. Doe's circumstances being approved for humanitarian parole so that he can re-enter the United States and be reunited with his family?**

*CBP does not have the authority to admit an inadmissible alien. However, certain discretionary mechanisms such as a port parole or waiver of documents may be applied to provide relief in appropriate situations when the circumstances of the case merits it. However, discretion cannot be exercised favorably for aliens who may contribute to the illegal population of the United States. A port paroles may be considered in unforeseen or emergent circumstances to allow an alien to temporarily enter the United States.*

#### **2. What criteria would CPB consider in making a determination on such a case?**

*Common reasons a waiver or parole would be denied at a Port of Entry include: applying for a parole or waiver to circumvent admissibility requirements, circumstances do not constitute a medical emergency, traveler had ample time to apply for a visa, previous criminal history, and previous violations of immigration laws of the U.S.*

#### **3. How long does it typically take for CPB to make a determination in such cases?**

*It varies as travelers must apply in person and be inspected. CBP does not adjudicate advance paroles. Advance parole requests should be made to USCIS.*

**4. Considering the incoming administration's position on immigration, is CPB making any attempt to expedite immigration cases to resolve them before Jan. 20, when President-elect Trump takes office?**

*CBP enforces the laws that currently exist and we are in no position to speculate on what/if any changes would occur under a new administration.*

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/2: Marc Santia, a reporter from WNBC, requested CBP comment on large seizure of counterfeit phones, reported yesterday as seized by NYPD. Reporter working on 5pm deadline. Request for any additional info for reporter submitted to port. Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/2: Update: Reporters Nidhi Prakash, Fusion; Kirsten Salyer, TIME; Wanyee Li, Metro Vancouver; Daniel Victor, New York Times; and Robin Levinson-King, BBC inquired regarding Canadian photojournalist Ed Ou, who claims he was detained for six hours and had his cellphones searched by CBP officers at the Vancouver airport. He claims he was then denied entry to the U.S. The reporters were provided the following statement:

*"Due to the restrictions of the Privacy Act, Customs and Border Protection does not discuss individual travelers; however, all international travelers arriving to the U.S. are subject to CBP inspection. This inspection may include electronic devices such as computers, disks, drives, tapes, mobile phones and other communication devices, cameras, music and other media players and any other electronic or digital device.*

*Keeping America safe and enforcing our nation's laws in an increasingly digital world depends on our ability to lawfully examine all materials entering the U.S.*

*In Fiscal Year 2015, U.S. Customs and Border Protection processed more than 383 million U.S. arrivals and conducted 4,764 inspections of electronic media, including 4,444 cell phone inspections. This equates to .0012 percent of travelers undergoing an inspection of electronic media. Fiscal Year 2016 numbers are not available just yet.*

*U.S. Customs and Border Protection realizes the importance of international travel to the U.S. economy and we strive to process arriving travelers as efficiently and securely as possible while ensuring compliance with laws and regulations governing the international arrival process."*

*Any international traveler who seeks resolutions regarding difficulties they experience can use DHS Traveler Redress Inquiry Program [www.dhs.gov/dhs-trip/dhs.gov](http://www.dhs.gov/dhs-trip/dhs.gov)*

*More information about CBP search authority is also available here: <https://www.cbp.gov/travel/cbp-search-authority>*

12/1: Simon Shaykhet a reporter for ABC Detroit WXYZ completed shooting a piece on the VirTra system in Detroit. Interview included the Port director (b) (6); (b) (7)(C) and PAL (b) (6); (b) (7)(C). Simon will be promoting the story leading up to its air date on December 14<sup>th</sup> at 11pm. Simon who is the former PAO of the Detroit FBI Field Office is very pro law-enforcement and a huge proponent of CBP.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)/ PAL (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/1: ICE/HSI in Minneapolis has reached out to OPA in Chicago to coordinate a joint TV story on IPR violations currently being caught in Minneapolis via DHL and mail shipments. Currently coordinating with the Chicago Field Office for approvals. Story would be part of a Holiday Story for the Minneapolis Markets.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/1: Following the Atlanta Field Office issuing the [local news release highlighting K-9 Beagles at Port of Atlanta](#), WSB-TV requested follow-up covering the work of Agriculture Specialist. On 11/30, reporter [Carl Willis](#) followed "Candie" through primary. PD (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) added SME interview that included "Know Before You Go". Air date TDB Tone: Positive

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) PAL: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/28: Robert LeBlanc of Vice is looking to do a photo essay about a day in the life of a Havre Sector

Border Patrol Agent. He wants to show the day-to-day life of the agents on the northern border. He feels that the media doesn't show a lot of what is going on up north. He is the brother of Havre Station BPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). Would like to take the photos between Dec. 26 and 30.

Leads: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Havre PAO (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/28: Video journalist Brittany Peterson with McClatchy newspapers reached out to the CBP media relations email on Nov. 22, requesting stats on the immigration influx on the southwest border. She is working on a documentary series on how America is already changing under the forthcoming Trump administration. She has heard numerous reports about an increased number of migrants crossing the US/Mexico border in recent days...a reaction possibly sparked from fear that Trump will quickly crack down on border crossings, and possibly build a wall. She was provided the link to the S-1 statement and the stats page: <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/stats/southwest-border-unaccompanied-children/fy-2017>. She reached out again to request numbers for November. Reporter was informed that November numbers are not available at this time, but should be posted to the previously sent link when they are available.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/25: Bryan Anderson, a reporter with the duopoly ABC/NBC affiliates in Fort Myers requested latest information on seizures of counterfeit hoverboards in Florida for story airing this afternoon on Black Friday. Provided [Hoverboard Enforcement Update](#) released this past summer along with information to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. May arrange an interview over the next few weeks if outlet would like to do a follow-up report.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/25: Jose Alberto Irizarry producer for the newscast of Puerto Rico Public Broadcasting (WIPM/WIPR Channels 6 and 3) is producing a piece on Illegal Immigration to Puerto Rico. He would like to interview a spokesperson from Border Patrol on the overall picture of this phenomenon in the island. He has 4 weeks to produce the piece. Ramey Border Patrol has approved the request. Date for interview and visit TBD.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/25: Jose Sanchez Fournier, reporter for El Nuevo Dia, writes for a Saturday Section called "Cronicas" in which they prepare a story behind the scenes of what certain professions do for a living on a day to day basis. He seeks to do a story with CBP agents and officers (AMO, BP and OFO) regarding their day to day work. Approval has been sought from all three operational components. Dates for embed and interviews to be determined. Story would run on a Saturday right after the visit.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/21: On 11/22 the CBS affiliate in Vermont (WCAX) will interview Border Patrol Agent (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) who found a hunter who had been missing in the Vermont woods for four days. Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/18: TVA Canada reporter Jacob Cassidy is working on a story about two Canadian men charged with human smuggling as well as what happened to an Ecuadorian woman who entered the U.S. by illegally crossing the river in a rowboat. Deadline: November 21. Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)/ BP PAL (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/15: Keely Herrington, marketing coordinator for Louis Armstrong International Airport (MSY) reached out to New Orleans Field Office for leadership to join in the their show "Airport Alive." This local Government TV access production is picked up by Louisiana public TV markets also airs in the MSY airport. Today, APD Troy Simon participated in the taped interview that was focused on the recent arrival of Global Entry Kiosks, our Global Entry Traveler program and the role of CBP at MSY airport. Air date set for mid- December with MSY Airport program lasting through March 2017. Tone: Positive

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) OFO (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/15: Bernardo Ruiz, a producer with HBO's VICE News Tonight is interested in doing a short feature story about the Northern Border to include an overview of the area's terrain and challenges especially in the winter. He is also interested in what training goes on in terms of emergency preparedness. Timeframe is flexible but looking to film in December if possible.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

10/27: Phil Rogers a reporter with WMAQ NBC Chicago reached out to OPA in Detroit to inquire about doing a story about counterfeit Cubs/Indians merchandise coming through the International Mail Facility in Chicago. IMF currently is not seeing counterfeits coming through. As the World Series progresses we will monitor and re-engage with reporter if we start to see the merchandise being sent via the IMF. Story is being coordinated with HSI Chicago.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)/ PAL (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

10/20: Reporter/historian Feliks Banel of KIRO radio in Seattle inquired regarding the history of the border between Canada and the U.S., particularly Washington state and British Columbia. CBP historians are looking into it and will provide information regarding the inquiry. Reporter wanted to do a taped interview Oct. 21, however, due to the complexity of the request it will be pushed back until the information can be compiled. Anticipated tone is positive to neutral.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

9/7: Guy Baillie-Grohman an assistant Producer with nutopia out of the United Kingdom reached out to OPA in Detroit to discuss a potential Crime Technology Series with CNN. Guy is reaching out to forensic units across the United States that have cracked difficult cases by utilizing new forensic techniques. This new show would chronicle the development of an investigation from crime scene to conviction, with each episode in the series telling the story of how a combination of dogged detective work and new forensic technology have worked together to secure a conviction in a complex case. Currently researching information for this. Producer stated they hope to start shooting this new series by November 2016.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

#### **NEWS RELEASES:**

12/7: San Diego Sector [news release related to agents finding an abandoned beached vessel loaded with more than a ton of marijuana.](#)

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/7: Rio Grande Valley PAO News Release regarding CBP opening a temporary facility near Donna Texas. [Commissioner Kerlikowske led a press event at the facility.](#) Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/7: San Diego Field Office [news release related to a human smuggling attempt by a SENTRI participant.](#)

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

#### **CBP WRAP**

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
To: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) SELF, JEFFREY D; HUFFMAN, BENJAMINE C;  
(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
Subject: DAILY MEDIA REPORT TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2016  
Date: Tuesday, December 13, 2016 8:40:53 AM

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**Media Division Daily Media Report  
Tuesday, December 13, 2016**

GUIDANCE: Entries in **blue** are new or updated. **Black** entries previously mentioned.  
The submission starts with the date posted on the DMR. For media inquiries, submissions should identify the outlet, name of the reporter(s), topic, request and deadline. For events, submissions should include the following details: date, time, address, label and title of principal officials attending/speaking, type of event.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:**

**C1/C2 EVENTS:**

**CONGRESS, SLT, NGO, OTR:**

**MEDIA EVENTS:**

12/12 On Dec. 13, 2016, at 11:45 a.m. at the Port of Nogales, Mariposa Border Crossing, CBP and Servicio de Administracion Tributaria (SAT) will host a soft launch ceremony at the Port of Nogales Mariposa crossing to commemorate the second phase of the Unified Cargo Processing (UCP) program. Attendees of note include Ms. Roberta Jacobson, U.S. Ambassador to Mexico, Mr. Doug Ducey, Arizona Governor, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), CBP Director of Field Operations – Tucson, and Lic. Ana Rosa Barragan Fierros, Coordinadora de Aduanas, de la Region Pacifico Norte. Significant media attention is expected.

12/6: On Wednesday December 14, C2 will participate in a press event with Senator Wyden in Portland, Oregon, to highlight CBP trade enforcement efforts, seized IPR infringing goods, trafficked wildlife items, and some treatment of AD/CVD enforcement and enforcement of forced labor prohibitions.  
Location: Port Office at Alderwood. Time: 10:00 A.M. (AKST). Duration: 30 minutes.  
Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).

12/2: Laredo Sector Border Patrol is coordinating an aerostat visit tour for Congressman Henry Cuellar embedded with press tentative date for December 15<sup>th</sup>. Laredo Sector Border Patrol is developing a tentative agenda which has sector leadership with CODEL visiting the aerostat site located in (b) (7)(E) Texas. We will be taking the CODEL to the aerostat fence line and not inside the compound. Congressman Cuellar's office will be sending a list of media outlets that will be embedded in this visit. Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**SPECIAL PROJECTS:**

12/12: Rebecca Puck Stair, Production Supervisor/Location Scout Manager contacted OPA requesting opportunity to scout El Paso area POE's for an unnamed/unannounced FOX film project described as a contemporary feature about border and cartel subjects. Crew is also looking to scout border area from a rented aircraft. OPA working to support both requests. Crews should be in area Dec 13-17. They understand there is a script review process before any government resources can be devoted to any actual filming and will initiate such if the scouting is fruitful.  
Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/7: WIVB-TV in Buffalo will do a news feature on 1/11 on security of area international railroad bridges,

covering Border Patrol and OFO activities. Station will air segment during sweeps week in late January 2017. Tone expected: highly positive. Lead: BP PIO (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)/PAL (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/7: Buffalo Field Office DFO and Homeland Security Investigation's Buffalo SAIC will discuss IPR law and seizures in the context of cross-border holiday shopping season on CBP's local TV show, CBP Buffalo-Niagara UPDATE tonight at 5pm. Show will air live, then will be rebroadcast repeatedly during next 30 days, then posted indefinitely for streaming at [www.lctv.net](http://www.lctv.net). Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) PAL (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

9/7: Brad Austin, Renegade 83 productions, recently watched videos on one of the wild mustangs in the TCA Horse Patrol. They are interested in a project that would highlight BP Horse Patrol unit and one of the prisons where our horses are trained. They thought it could make for a great documentary TV show.

The production company is based in Los Angeles and creates/produces a lot of different shows for a wide variety of TV networks ([www.renegade83.com](http://www.renegade83.com)). They are interested in a show concept that tells the stories of both our patrol unit on horseback and the horse trainer / inmate horse training program.

9/30 UPDATE: Project approved, tentatively slated for November.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Principal: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

### **SOCIAL MEDIA:**

#### **@CBPArizona**

Yuma Sector #USBP agents thwart three smuggling attempts; seize over 2,000 pounds of #drugs #cbp

Tucson #USBP agents first on-scene at vehicle accident on I-19. Rendering aid to family alongside EMS. #CBP

Sonoita #USBP agents arrest 2 illegal immigrants with 1,275 pounds of #marijuana #NotOnOurWatch #CBP

Join the #CBP team at the @jobertising Greater Tucson Diversity Job Fair today until 2 pm at the @doubeltreeTUC

#### **@CBPBuffalo**

Not only do you get to use fast Whirlpool Bridge - NEXUS benefits also include TSA PreCheck and Global Entry! \$50 [bit.ly/2bpRR5z](http://bit.ly/2bpRR5z)

CBP Hires Vets! Serve the U.S.A. again with CBP! Agent and officer careers. [bit.ly/2hp/2hoj1Jw](http://bit.ly/2hp/2hoj1Jw)

TRUCKERS CAN NOW PAY USER FEES ONLINE BEFORE CROSSING BORDER [bit.ly/2gcLHVQ](http://bit.ly/2gcLHVQ)

CBP and Troop B Hoop It Up In Champlain For Charity <http://bit.ly/2hr9UJj>

CBP Hires Vets! Serve your country and defend U.S. borders! Apply now! [bit.ly/2hoj1Jw](http://bit.ly/2hoj1Jw)

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Holiday shoppers find great value with NEXUS card - benefits include TSA PreCheck and Global Entry all for only \$50 [bit.ly/2bpRR5z](http://bit.ly/2bpRR5z)

Headed to Canada this weekend? Download CBSA app to see fastest crossing to Canada. [bit.ly/2elrYCR](http://bit.ly/2elrYCR)

Weekend trip to the states? WELCOME TO AMERICA! Use CBP app and compare crossing times at all



bridges. [bit.ly/2bfAyE8](http://bit.ly/2bfAyE8)

**@CBPCaribbean**

**@CBPCentralTX**

**@CBPChicago**

**@CBPFlorida**

U.S. Customs and Border Protection provides security/facilitation operations at 328 ports of entry across the country <http://bit.ly/2hwCZWD>

Check out U.S. Customs and Border Protection's Frontline magazine and take a look around the agency. [www.cbp.gov/frontline](http://www.cbp.gov/frontline) #CBP

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**@CBPMid-Atlantic**

**@CBPGreatlakes**

**@CBPGreatPlains**

**@CBPNorthwest**

**@CBPNortheast**

**@CBPRGV**

**@CBPArizona**

**@CBPSouthEast**

**@CBPSouthTexas**

Del Rio's [#RelayForLife](#) team The Green Machine kicked off fundraising efforts for the coming event, benefitting the American Cancer Society.

- **@CBPWestTexas**

**@CBPSanDiego**

**HEADQUARTERS:**

12/7: Claudia Torres with AP – Spanish language Service in NYC, inquired about advocates, lawyers and universities are telling DACA holders that if they travel with advanced parole they should return to the US before January 20<sup>th</sup>, when President-elect Trump will be sworn in as President. Some other lawyers are recommending DACA holders not to travel at all. She requested any data on DACA holders who have returned to the US with advance parole since 2012 and any annual data on that and how many of those advanced paroles have been denied or not have been honored by CBP. CBP responded that we would not respond to speculative questions and that we don't track DACA arrivals and denials. Advised her to file a FOIA.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and CMO.

12/6: Rachel Bluth with Kaiser Health News, requested CBP comment about Americans getting prescriptions in other countries and how often medications for personal use are seized, either at the border or coming into the country through the mail. Since she was on tight deadline, Branch Chief (b) (6), (b) (7) provided CBP perspective over the phone, enforcement priorities and regulations regarding about buying prescriptions drugs abroad. Shared photos of Human Growth Hormone recently seized at LAX IMF and



concealment methods.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/1: Caitlin Dickerson of NY Times asked about the temporary facility in Donna, TX and any other facilities. Deadline asap, publication 12/2. Provided her the combined Tornillo/Donna statement and TP below:

*"U.S. Customs & Border Protection (CBP) is standing up a temporary facility adjacent to the Donna-Rio Bravo International Bridge in Donna, Texas to provide additional capacity for unaccompanied children and family units in CBP custody at Ports of Entry and U.S. Border Patrol stations in the area.*

*The temporary site can hold up to 500 people and will provide additional space for those in CBP custody awaiting transfer to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement for processing, detention, and/or removal, or to the Department of Health and Human Services. CBP, assisted by approved contractors onsite, will ensure the basic needs of those in CBP custody are met. CBP will also regularly assess whether to expand these facilities or keep this temporary facility operational based on the volume of people arriving at or between our Ports of Entry, or crossing the border in the South Texas area.*

*We (CBP) opened a similar facility on November 25 at the Tornillo-Guadalupe Port of Entry near El Paso. That too is a temporary facility to provide additional capacity for family units and unaccompanied children along the Southwest border and can hold up to 500 people providing additional space for those in CBP custody awaiting transfer to ICE or HHS. CBP will assess the need to keep this temporary facility operational based on the volume of people arriving there as well.*

*U.S. Customs & Border Protection's processing of illegal border crossers is conducted in accordance with U.S. immigration laws while also addressing this migratory surge in a humane way, consistent with our border security mission and our American values."*

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/1: Stephen Dinan, Washington Times in following up on Chief Morgan's testimony asked if CBP was requested legislative relief with regard to credible fear claims that have risen 'exponentially'. Providing the below negative response:

*"U.S. Customs & Border Protection has not sought legislative or policy changes in regard to credible fear claims."*

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/21: Anjali Tsui freelance journalist with ProPublica together with the Miami Herald, are preparing to publish a story about foreign government officials who have entered the US despite ongoing investigations and corruption charges. He requested comment from US Customs and Border Protection regarding former Panamanian President Martinelli left Panama on Jan. 28, 2015, just hours before his country's Supreme Court announced a formal investigation into charges that he had embezzled \$45 million. Provided Privacy Act statement.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/21: David Ingram of Thomson-Reuters requested a comment on the letter from Governor Cuomo (NY) with recommendations to bolster safety protocols and JFK following the panic/self-evacuation in August. Deadline is ASAP, forwarded to Front Office for vis and coordinating with CMO for a response.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/21: WatchDog.com's Kenric Ward posted a story on which Mike Hayes of BuzzFeed and KRGV's Christian von Preysing picked up and are awaiting comment regarding the NBPC-reported shut-down of Operation Phalanx. Coordinating with USBP for statement but provided the interim:

*"U.S. Customs and Border Protection is looking to continue that partnership into 2017, as we have for decades. CBP has already reached out to DOD to request our partner's continued support.*

*Reporters have asked for evidence as the NBPC is actively pushing back stating that DHS is seeking to re-start it only as a result of their reporting the discontinuation.*

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/09: Samantha Cooney from Motto, a Time Magazine-female oriented website, interviewed with B2, Chief Provost about her promotion. Questions asked were as follows: Anticipated publication date is TBD, but possibly this week.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/1: Glenn Ruppel producer with ABC News "20/20", contacted OPA to discuss a potential story about the security along the Canadian border. He stated he had read and watched some of the recent stories about the struggle to cover such a long border with much fewer resources than are employed to the south. He's open for the possibility of spending riding along with some BP agents there. The hope is for a one hour "20/20" that's sort of a snowy version of an episode of Border Wars. Though in addition to embedding with some agents, he would also be interested in trying to set up interviews with some of those CBP have captured – smugglers etc.—and have on surveillance tape. They would like to start sometime over the next few weeks, but they are flexible. Also no need for the whole border, just some key spots that have the possibility of getting us some decent action. And combine that with agents who have particularly strong personalities that would work well on camera. Deadline: Next few weeks. OPA to discuss internally.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

#### **Enforcement:**

12/8: Jeryl Bier writing for the Weekly Standard has inquired into a BP Canine agent case brought against CBP for overtime pay. The agents claim CBP violated the fair labor standards act. Reached out to OCC for language. Reporter's deadline is Dec 13. Directing him to DOJ OPA.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/8: CNN international correspondent Shasta Darlington is working on a story regarding Haitian Migration. She also asked about policy regarding admissibility, which we directed to DHS. Provided her with the Haitian data through August and the statement. She also asked about exception for Congolese.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/7 Alex Zavis from LA Times is working on a series of stories to run once a week the weeks of 12/10, 12/17, 12/24/ and 12/31 regarding the 'migration pipeline' through South/Central America and the populations it includes (Middle East, Middle Asia, Africans, etc.). She is requesting:

1. Could you please provide us the spreadsheet that contains the accurate breakdown by nationality for apprehensions along the Southern border between FY2009 and FY2014?
2. Was there any kind of operation taking place in 2012 or 2015 that might help account for the increase in apprehensions? Did anything come up in the interviews that might help explain this spike? And have you seen numbers like this before from India, or was this something new?
3. Could you please provide the number of inadmissibles from India, Pakistan, Nepal and Bangladesh who presented themselves at ports of entry along the southern border in FY2009-FY2014.
4. Could you please provide a complete breakdown by nationality of all inadmissibles along the southern border in FY2009 – FY2014.

Her deadline for the first three requests is Friday Dec. 9.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/6: Franco Ordonez from Miami Herald and El Nuevo Herald requested Cuban inadmissible data from 2010-2016. Provided him stats from 2010-2016 YTD (through August) and language. Publication date TBD

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/30: John Burnette from NPR wants to visit the San Diego to do an explainer piece about the different types of fencing. He's requesting dates of Jan 11-12. They are also requesting a ride along

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/23: Fernanda Santos from NY Times is working on a story about the heroin epidemic in the United States. Her piece will focus on the work of Homeland Security Investigations special agents stationed in Rio Rico, Ariz. She spent the day with them responding to port calls in Nogales. She is requested OFO

seizure data from 2015-2016 (YTD) for the southwest border. Deadline is Monday Nov 28, publication date anticipated for Dec. 1.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/23: John Bonifield from CNN wants heroine seizure data from 2016. He's working on a story about the opioid epidemic in the US. He's gotten a good number from C1's April testimony. Deadline is flexible. Air date is TBD.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/17: Nippon TV (Japanese) reporter Ken Miura is conducting research into the construction of the Mexico-U.S. border fence, in particular under the Secure Fence Act of 2006 and the SBI program that followed. He wants a list of companies that were granted contracts by the USACE in the time between 2006 and 2010 for the construction of the border fence.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/15: NBC Nightly News has two requests in to film at RGV about the migrant influx. Working with local leadership to accommodate. Film dates anticipated 11/16-11/18.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/8: CNN reporter Rosa Flores has requested Syrian data from the SBO by month for 2015-2016. Says she is working on a story about Syrians entering from the southwest border. Undetermined deadline, and publication date.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/2: Texas Tribune's Elly Dearman has requested marijuana and heroin seizure data from 2000-present. She is working on two stories. One is a story about the growing opioid problem in Texas, and she wanted to look at heroin seizures to see how they correspond as a sidebar to the story. The other is to look at trends in the amount of marijuana crossing the border to see how that has changed since its legalization in several states. Her deadline is end of this week or early next week. BP has provided stats, awaiting FO approval. Anticipated publication date is Dec 9.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/1: KPBS reporter Jean Guerrero has asked for a border fence construction timeline going back to 1900. She is working on a story about Aguilas del Desierto, a group of volunteers who go out to rescue migrants who get lost crossing the border, or to find their remains to help give families closure. She has interviewed that group, the University of San Diego's Trans-Border Institute and BORSTAR. BPFTI PMO has proved fence data. Reporter says deadline is Nov 9. Stats provided to reporter.

Update: Broadcast date is 12/12

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

10/4: Reporter Johannes Kuhn, a reporter who is covering the United States for Suddeutsche Zeitung ([www.sz.de](http://www.sz.de)), Germany's biggest broadsheet-newspaper, is working on a story about immigration and border security, and asked for "a statistic that says how many of the immigrants come with & without passports (percentage)?" He clarified to state "I am looking for information about the people who are making their entrance over the Southern border to Mexico without having a valid Visa or similar documents that allow for regular entry, and who are apprehended on U.S. soil (illegal border crossing)." He is specifically interested in the land border between the U.S. and Mexico. The request is pending review by the CMO.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

#### **HRM/Technology:**

12/7: GovTechWorks.com reporter, William Matthews, is working a piece on the governments use of technology – specifically, the increasing security on the Southwest Border. He is trying to get information on which types of technology and how much is being used and considered. Currently he does not have a deadline.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**Travel:**

12/12: NewYork Daily News reporter Victoria Bekiempis is writing a story about international passengers who are allowed to mistakenly disembark at domestic gates and who potentially are not redirected to the FIS for CBP inspection. Coordinating with APP for response.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/30: Andrea Peterson, a tech reporter for the Washington Post, inquired about the number of electronic searches performed at the border each year. She is writing an article about Canadian photojournalist Edward Ou who claims CBP agents asked him to unlock his mobile phones on Oct. 1 at Vancouver Preclearance before being denied entry to the U.S. The ACLU sent a letter to Secretary Johnson and the Commissioner objecting to Ou's treatment. Deadline is 11/30. Publication date is TBD.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/30: Chris McGinnis from Travel Skills is writing about Global Entry renewals. Deadline is 12/2. Publication date is TBD.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/30: Scott Rouch is writing a story on Global Entry for WhereTraveler.com. Publication date is TBD. 12/12: UPDATE Reporter Scott Rouch interviewed Director Sava for a trusted traveler story. Positive tone.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/15: Drafting a news release about the Departure Verification System which is part of the Departure Information Systems Test for the use of facial recognition software for air passengers at the Atlanta Hartsfield International Airport. Date for issuance is to be determined.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**Trade:**

12/8: George Hale, a reporter with KETR, a NPR station in NE Texas, is writing a story on goods made in the West Bank and they labeling of these goods. He's especially interested in knowing if there is any possibility that the label "Made in Bethlehem, Israel" could be attached to a product in compliance with the regulations you just sent. (That is, if the word "Bethlehem" refers to the town in the West Bank.) He does not see how it could be possible that it is in compliance. That is because an item cannot originate in both Israel and the West Bank at the same time. However, he needs to be certain before submitting this for publication. His deadline is 12/9 for publication early next week. Mr. Hale has been advised to be flexible. Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/5: Tim Warren saw that CBP release reports on AD/CVD and the Byrd amendment distributions, and notes a significant drop in the uncollected duties from FY15 to FY16. Tim wants to know the circumstances around the stats. OT recommends Office of Finance respond. His deadline is 12/5 but is flexible, publish date is as soon as possible. Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/1: Tim Warren is scheduled to interview Robert McMillan re his new role as XD of Regulatory Audi/first 90 days. Interview tentative next of 12/5. Conducted media training with XD McMillan on 11/16. Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/1: American Shipper has asked to interview the CTPAT team re Trusted Trader and Minimum Security Requirements. Request sent to CMO on 12/1. Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/21: OT has shared draft FY16 IPR stats press release, which included C1 quote to be vetted through the front office. Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**SOUTHWEST BORDER:**

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12/12: Mary Lou Lang-Byrd, from "The Daily Caller", <http://dailycaller.com/>, is seeking comment on a matter brought to my attention by the local 1929 union that expectant Border Patrol Agents in the El Paso Sector must submit a note on a monthly basis indicating that they are pregnant. Query is being forwarded to PAO/HQ for review. Deadline is 6:30 p.m. (EST) Leads: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/12: At request of HQ OPA El Paso OPA provided several photos of the Tornillo Holding Center to Andrew Becker, Center For Investigative Reporting.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/12: Dallas Morning News/Angela Kocherga will be visiting area surrounding the Santa Teresa and Tornillo POE's to meet/interview "paisano" travelers who are leaving the U.S. for Mexico for the Christmas holiday period. No immediate request for CBP comment. Story would be for DMN multi-media project. No publication date.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/12: El Diario de El Paso reporter Juliana Henoa contacted OPA regarding Senator John Cornyn/Congressman Henry Cuellar Border Trade Enhancement Act legislation designed to encourage more private/public partnership. Bill passed through Congress and headed to POTUS – reporter wanted reaction. OPA advised that CBP does not comment on pending/proposed legislative activity however did provide many resources/links related to prior 559/560 public private partnership information. Story should run 12/13. Neutral to positive tone anticipated.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/12: El Diario de El Paso reporter Juliana Henoa contacted OPA regarding current Tornillo Holding Center population and future plans. OPA provided most recent census and addressed questions using established FAQ talking points. Story should run 12/13. Neutral to positive tone anticipated.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/12: KFOX-TV/El Paso reporter Amy Licerio is following up on a previous news release announcing a hiring summit at Fort Bliss. Reporter looking to speak to CBP regarding hiring efforts targeting veterans. Working to set up interview with CBP recruiters before event date. Deadline December 14. Positive tone anticipated.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/12: Port of Nogales Assistant Port Director (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was interviewed on-camera today at the Deconcini POE by Karla Escamilla, a reporter for Telemundo, in response to a CBP press release regarding CBP and multiple Arizona law enforcement agencies working on a joint operation under the Alliance to Combat Transnational Threats (ACTT) umbrella.

Tone positive. Lead: CBPO (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/12: KGBT-TV and KRGV-TV had inquired regarding whether the Donna Temporary Holding Facility had officially opened this weekend. Coordinated with LFO mgmt. on a response to query statement that followed our previous statement language and advised HQ OPA, CBP CAT accordingly. Rundate: 12/12, Expected tone: neutral to negative.

*Statement*

*The Donna Temporary Holding Facility became beneficially occupied by CBP on Friday and became operationally occupied on Saturday, Dec. 10.*

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/12: Mark Hooper, a Dallas-based producer for *CBS Evening News with Scott Pelley*, had inquired regarding filming a profile piece on the operation of temporary holding facilities in Donna and Tornillo, Texas as measures to manage the border surge, help with the orderly processing of migrants. They had expressed interest in filming at the holding facility and interview CBP officials. Coordinated with LFO mgmt. which supports if HQ OPA, CBP-CAT support. Coordinating with HQ OPA mgmt. presently regarding the filming aspect given the operational impact, precedent, legalities involved due to litigation in AZ and way forward. Expected rundate: TBD, expected tone, neutral to negative. Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/9: Dean DeChiaro, immigration reporter at CQ Roll Call requested information about the new temporary holding facilities at Donna and Tornillo. OPA provided links to news releases and additional information. Neutral tone anticipated. No publication date/time.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/9: KGBT-TV inquired regarding the opening date of the Donna temporary holding facility, asking if it may be delayed due to weather. Consulted with LFO mgmt. and provided a response.. Expected rundate 12/9, expected tone: neutral.

*The Donna Temporary Holding Facility becomes beneficially occupied by CBP today and may become operationally occupied as early as Saturday depending on operational need.*

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/9: San Diego Sector received a request from Heather Somerville, a Technology Reporter, with Thomson Reuters. She is working with photographer Mike Blake who had taken pictures of San Diego Horse Patrol some time ago and she is interested to put a story together on the wild horses program at Florence Prison. The Florence Prison participates in the Wild Horse Inmate Program (WHIP). This AZ Prison has a partnership with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) where mustangs are trained by the inmates and then offered for adoption which the USBP receives some of its horses. The reporter wants to do a phone interview with our HPU Supervisor (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) on general HPU questions and also with Tucson HPU. SBPA (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) will be also available for general questions about the BP and SDC. Coordinating a date and time for the week of 12/12 for a phone conversation.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/9: Reporter Ruth Brooke with KPBS Midday Edition Radio Show is airing a feature about a group called "The Eagles of the Desert" that searches for missing migrants and she would like to follow it by talking to BORSTAR about their work. The interview would be on Thursday, Dec. 15. There preferred time is between 10-11am. SDC can support. Looking into BORSTAR availability.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and SBPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/9: Reporter Ana Gomez with Frontera News has been working on a story regarding SENTRI and requested updates statistics which CMO helped gathered. Story should run 12/9.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and SCBPO (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/9: KVIA-TV/El Paso Julio Cesar Chavez asked about apprehension data following news accounts quoting C1 about CBP recording about 2,000 per day. OPA directed reporting to CBP webpage with statistical data. Broadcast date expected December 9. Neutral tone.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/9: Mayra Cuevas/CNN contacted OPA regarding opening of Donna and Tornillo facilities as well as current apprehension rates. OPA directed her to weblinks with information on all three topics. Publication date immediate. Neutral tone.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/7. Univision Network reporter Damia Bonmati asked questions regarding asylum claims by Central Americans, Cubans at the port of entry. Coordinated response with Laredo Field Office Admissibility Unit. LFO mgmt., HQ OPA mgmt.. provided concurrence. Awareness provided to CBP-CAT. Expected rundate: TBD: Expected tone: neutral.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/8: El Paso based Fronteras/NPR reporter Monica Ortiz Uribe sent separate requests to OFO and OBP asking for assistance in setting up tours for several journalists who are in the El Paso/Juarez area for a few days as part of the International Women's Media Foundation fellowship. New York Times reporter Karen Zraick and IWMF member Nadine Hoffman are interested in seeing OFO commercial operations for a story on international trade. They are also interested in an OBP line tour. Other journalist names were also offered however those journalists are non USC's and cannot be vetted in time. Local management currently reviewing requests. Media hoping to do something before December 15.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/6 EFE Noticias – Maria Leon, KOLD – Reck Craig, Univision AZ – Oscar Gomez, Nogales International – Arielle Zions, The Guardian – Rory Carroll, Telemundo Arizona – Karla Escamilla, and Tucson Sentinel – Paul Ingram reached out to Tucson Sector Border Patrol for comment on a report by No More Deaths and Derechos Humanos, two Tucson-based NGOs. The report discusses how "U.S. border enforcement policy coupled with the Border Patrol practice of chasing and scattering migrants causes a crisis of death and disappearance in the borderlands."

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**Statement:** *Many migrant deaths result from smugglers who knowingly victimize people wanting quick passage into the United States. Smugglers lie, telling their "customers" their passage will be safe, but in reality, the terrain is treacherous and the conditions are extreme. Many are led to their deaths by smugglers more concerned about making money than they are about the lives of others.*

*The Tucson Sector Border Patrol deploys assets and resources to areas where a majority of migrant deaths and rescues occur. We currently have 36 rescue beacons throughout the sector. In addition, all U.S. Border Patrol agents are trained to handle immediate medical needs in the field. In the Tucson Sector, we have more than 230 agents trained as Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs), as well as 54 Border Patrol Search, Trauma and Rescue (BORSTAR) agents.*

*CBP values human life, and we collaborate closely with foreign government officials, law enforcement partners, and community organizations to educate potential migrants about the true dangers of crossing the border illegally.*

12/5 EFE Noticias, KOLD, Univision AZ and Nogales International want a comment on a report by No More Deaths and Derechos Humanos that U.S. border enforcement policy, coupled with the Border Patrol practice of chasing and scattering migrants, are responsible for migrant deaths and disappearance in the borderlands. A statement has been approved by OPA for use after their report.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/6: Laredo Sector Border Patrol is coordinating an aerostat visit tour for Congressman Henry Cuellar embedded with press tentative date for December 15<sup>th</sup>. Laredo Sector Border Patrol is developing a tentative agenda which has sector leadership with CODEL visiting the aerostat site located in (b) (7)(E) Texas. We will be taking the CODEL to the aerostat fence line and not inside the compound. Media that will be embedded in this tour consist of Laredo Morning Times – Julia Wallace; KGNS – Valerie Gonzalez; KLDO – Carlos Diaz Warns; Televisa – Rogelio Guzman; El Financiero/El Lider – Javier Amieva; Rio Grande Guardian – Melva Lavin; El Manana de Nuevo Laredo – Paco Diaz; Radio IMAGEN – Nadya Avila; The Monitor (McAllen) – Sandra Sanchez; KGBT – Eddie Flores; KRGV – Christian von Preysing; Telemundo 40 – Jorge Viñals. Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/5: SDOFO and SDC received a request from Mr. Brian Epstein, a Producer with ABC News in LA. He is requesting to visit SYS capture B-roll of port operations (people, vehicles, technology and to also take a Border Tour to film BP fencing, and infrastructure for their upcoming border security/immigration stories expected before the inauguration. He will likely come on his own and there is no need for any official interviews but an explanation of what he is filming would be helpful. He has requested **Tuesday,**

**December 13<sup>th</sup>** to conduct this. SDOFO and SDC are considering his request.

12/7: [Approved by OFO, CMO and SDC. Will start in the morning on 12/13 to capture B-roll.](#)

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/5: SDOFO received an information request from Manuel Ayala of News Week Espanol who is working a story regarding international migration. He is requesting if there are agency records on periodic migration similar to the one that is being experience right now with the Haitian Nationals who have been arriving via Tijuana to the U.S. He is looking at what other migratory movements have also ended up here either for political reasons in their countries, because they are fleeing their country, or something to that effect. He is asking for information that goes back several years. He is also requesting statistics or averages of which countries outside of America have the most of their citizens (international migrants) arriving to Tijuana to cross into the U.S. CMO is reviewing the request. Deadline was 12/6.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and SCBPO (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)



12/5: SDOFO received a request from the Cross Border Express (CBX) sponsor to film CBP operations at the CBX by CBS News reporter Peter Greenberg. The piece is to highlight the success of the CBX, how significant it has become to the economy on both side of the border and aims to show a good example of private/public partnership. Peter Greenberg is the CBS News Travel Editor who reports regularly on The Early Show will be interviewing the CEO and CFO of Volaris (a Mexican airline company) and the CBX sponsor leadership. CBS News would film B-roll of the CBP operations and possibly hold an interview with APD (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). CBS visit is scheduled for 12/7. SDOFO approved. Pending CMO approval.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and SCBPO (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/5: A DHS multi-media agreement was approved for Victor Levin, a writer and executive producer with Starz Network who is working on a pilot story that involves the use of the Calexico port of entry as the main characters will be playing a CBPO officer and commuting agricultural worker. This is to get a writer's perspective for the pilot. Filming period is 12/12-13. No operational disruption is expected.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and SCBPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/5: Freelance photographer Ivan Pierre Aguirre requesting information on border fencing gaps for photo project to support unspecified Texas Tribune/PBS story. OPA still researching. Photographer advises it will be similar to [their recent collaboration](#).

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/5: OPA preparing for possible media inquiries related to recent denial of humanitarian parole to Mexican female/previous violator wishing to travel to Chicago to be with her sick child. A [weekend commentary piece in the El Paso Times](#) suggested a gathering/march on Tuesday. OPA prepared to speak in general terms about the process if asked but not any specific encounter. Negative tone anticipated.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).

12/5 Richard Marosi, LA Times, wants to write a story on the U.S. Border Patrol's Integrated Fixed Towers being deployed along the Arizona border. His interest is in how the Border Patrol is using the technology, if it is successful in comparison with SBI-Net, and how it fits with other pieces of infrastructure. He wants to visit tower sites and C2 (Control Rooms) in Nogales, Arizona. He is hoping for a tour sometime next week. Sending to OPA for approval. Anticipate a neutral story for CBP.

12/8 UPDATE: [Engagement delayed until January](#)

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/2: SDC received a request from reporter Olivier Michel with Le Figaro, a French magazine, who requested to photograph a Border Patrol agent and the fence in San Diego and interview the agent on the challenges to stop illegal immigration along the border. We will meet at a neutral location that provides a view of our fencing, camera towers, stadium lighting, all weather roads, Tijuana, MX, and also have him meet with a BPA for an interview for information and facts on 12/15. Locally vetted and cleared. He would post the story upon return to France in mid-Jan.

12/7: [Date set for 12/15 at 0900.](#)

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and BPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/2: Austin American Statesman PolitiFact Texas reporter Gardner Selby contacted OPA regarding a recent claim by U.S. Rep. Roger Williams of Texas that under Nafta, a lot of trucks from Mexico drive through the U.S. border without being inspected. He also referred to Kansas City as the terminal point. OPA directed him to USDOT/FMCSA for feedback on the inland trucking portion of the inquiry and sent links on NFAST and CTPAT to address CBP handling of commercial traffic. Negative to neutral tone anticipated.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/2: Staff reporter Kyle Jaeger with ATTN.com, a digital media story/news site, based in Los Angeles, is working on a series of stories (6) related to the movement of the legalization of marijuana. He will attempt to explore different aspects of the legalization movement — from a criminal justice, economic, and health perspective. For CBP's portion within first project, he would like to speak to a CBP official about what their



job entails, their experiences with marijuana-related border enforcement, and how drug trafficking has changed over the past five years, and observe anti-drug smuggling port operations. The final product would be release on their social media platforms — Facebook, Twitter, Instagram — and on their website attn.com. Their deadline is 1/15. SDOFO is reviewing the request.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and SCBPO (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/2: Pedro Rojas, Univision Network's McAllen correspondent, and Carlos Diaz Warns, KLDO-TV (Univision-Laredo) had inquired and asked if Cubans are being denied entry into Laredo. They provided a video of Cubans waiting on the Mexican side of Laredo's Gateway to the Americas Bridge who were told they were given an appointment time the next day to return for processing and could not wait at the port. Warns interviewed Cubans waiting on the Mexican side for appointment. The Laredo Port of Entry had recently implemented a metering system to manage volume of Cuban asylum requests. Coordinated with LFO and OPA mgmt. and provided Rojas and Diaz Warns the below approved statement:

*Statement: Ports are managing flows commensurate with each port's capacity to safely process arriving aliens while providing essential services to ensure their health and safety. OTM Aliens, that were not deemed high risk, are provided with a Government of Mexico social services resource list and an appointment window to return to the POE for processing.*

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/2: KURV-AM radio requested a radio interview on the Donna temporary holding facility. Provided the holding statement and advised that a media preview event is forthcoming and more information will be shared at that time. Expected run date: 12/2, expected tone: neutral to negative.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/1: Nigel Duara, L.A. Times, wants a tour of the (b) (7)(E) and a briefing on the CBP 911 response. Currently collecting more information from the reporter.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/1: Pete Kasperowicz News editor, Washington Examiner contacted OPA requesting information on how much the Tornillo and Donna facilities are costing the agency. Requesting information from CAT if available. Negative tone anticipated.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/1: Pilar Marrero Senior Political Reporter, IMPREMEDIA contacted OPA regarding surge of migrant FAMU and UAC's at southwest border. OPA provided link to latest data available on CBP webpage. Impremedia supplies content to many U.S. based Spanish language news outlets. Neutral tone anticipated. No publication date.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/1: RGV PAO escorted journalist Giles Lambertson to the NASOC facility in Corpus Christi. Mr. Lambertson is writing a story for Smithsonian Air and Space magazine on AMO and its mission on the Southwest Border. Mr. Lambertson was given an operational brief which covered a unit overview, mission statement, AMO partners, hemispheric operations, equipment and a VaDER overview. DAC (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was interviewed. Topics included capabilities, staffing, support, inter-agency cooperation (USBP, USCG, AMO, etc.). Mr. Lambertson was given a tour of a P-3, walk around of a MQ9 Predator and he was able to observe P-3 and MQ9 launches. Mr. Lambertson had previously visited the McAllen Air and Marine Branch for his story.

Publication Date: TBD Tone: Positive

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/30: SDC received a request from reporter Nicole Spohn Almeida, a USC with Deutsche Welle German TV out of Los Angeles who wants to illustrate the current situation at the California border and to portray the work of a Border Patrol agent and understand challenges along the border. We will meet at a neutral location that provides a view of our fencing, camera towers, stadium lighting, all weather roads, Tijuana, MX, and also have her meet with a BPA for an interview for information and facts on 12/2. She would broadcast the b-roll and interview over the coming weekend.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and BPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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11/30: Belgian newspaper HET BELANG VAN LIMBURG reporter Ruben Steegen contacted OPA requesting opportunity to visit with OBP for a line tour/interview regarding current enforcement efforts and Trump wall. OPA advised that we could not accommodate a tour because of vetting constraints and that we would not be speaking to incoming administration proposals. OPA advised that an off-site OBP 101 type interview may be available. Currently checking with EP Sector to see if they can accommodate. Neutral tone. No publication date.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/30: ABC News Nightline producer Shannon Crawford advises that the network is doing a piece on the Arizona Border Recon civilian militia group operating in the Arizona desert. ABC was looking for CBP statement regarding the group and the work they are doing. CBP developing a response. Neutral tone anticipated. No air date.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/30: El Paso Times reporter Sara Sanchez contacted OPA regarding comments related to the Cross Border Trade Enhancement Act which would make it easier for the agency/municipalities to continue 559 and 560 projects. The act has not been passed/signed into law yet so OPA advised that CBP does not comment on pending matters. OPA did provide [www.cbp.gov](http://www.cbp.gov) 559 and 560 links and mentioned that the programs in place in El Paso and Santa Teresa are doing well. Neutral tone anticipated. Publication December 1.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/30: Fielded media inquiries from Associated Press, Bloomberg News, KNVO-TV, Estrella TV regarding the Donna temporary holding facility and provided copies of the holding statement. Disseminated the statement to media contacts and posted statement to cbp.gov Expected rundate: 11/30, expected tone: neutral to negative.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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11/29: Several media outlets, including KGBT-TV (CBS-RGV), KTLN-TV (Telemundo-RGV), The Monitor (McAllen) sought comment from CBP following a report that surfaced in The Monitor (McAllen) regarding the standing up of a tent city in Donna, TX. CBP PAO (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) provided the following CBP-approved statement on a response to query basis. Expected rundate: 11/29, expected tone: neutral to negative.  
*Statement*

*U.S. Customs & Border Protection (CBP) is standing up a temporary facility adjacent to the Donna-Rio Bravo International Bridge in Donna, Texas to provide additional capacity for unaccompanied children and family units in CBP custody at Ports of Entry and U.S. Border Patrol stations in the area. The temporary site can hold up to 500 people and will provide additional space for those in CBP custody awaiting transfer to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement for processing, detention, and/or removal, or to the Department of Health and Human Services. CBP, assisted by approved contractors onsite, will ensure the basic needs of those in CBP custody are met. CBP will also regularly assess whether to expand these facilities or keep this temporary facility operational based on the volume of people arriving at or between our Ports of Entry, or crossing the border in the South Texas area. CBP is prepared to add housing, beds, toilets, and bathing facilities as necessary.*

*CBP continues to work with other federal and international agencies to discourage individuals from embarking on the dangerous trip to enter the United States illegally, and will provide additional information in the near future.*

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/29: Lawrence Wright, Texas-based writer from New Yorker Magazine, and Monica Ortiz-Urbe from "Fronteras", are requesting a border tour together in El Paso on either 11-30 or 12-1. Mr. Wright wants to get a perspective of a Border Patrol agent with specific interest in current challenges that agents face in regard to border issues (undoc. immigrants crossings, as opposed to narcotics or people smuggling; how the border community sees itself as opposed to those who are not on the border; will expectations increase or decrease in the future when it comes to demands? Request will be scheduled by El Paso

Sector personnel if they are available. Reporter Ortiz-Urbe says she is going along just to accompany him. <http://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2015/07/06/five-hostages>  
<http://www.fronterasdesk.org/staff/%2099>

Leads: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), SOS (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/29: El Diario de El Paso reporter Juliana Henao wanted to confirm if CBP was planning to use an avatar system to screen people at border POE's as described in this link:  
<http://www.popsci.com/article/technology/animated-avatar-could-screen-humans-national-security>. OPA advised that CBP is not mentioned in story and that reporter should check with system maker about possible clients.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/29: KTHR-AM 740/Houston reporter Nik Rajkovic contacted CBP requesting comments about SWB drug seizure activity mentioned in [this article/study](#) at drugabuse.com. OPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) provided links to CBP.gov and offered general sound on tape regarding CBP enforcement activity. Positive tone anticipated/stories should be running 11/29.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/28: Rory Carroll, The Guardian, has been given approval for a ride-along on the Arizona border. He is considering this to be a "straight news feature" on daily Border Patrol operations. He will be meeting PIO (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) in Nogales on Tuesday, Nov. 29. Tucson Sector Border Patrol will push BSI messaging. Tone is expected to be neutral.

PIO: Border Patrol Agent (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/28: Daniel Gonzalez, Arizona Republic, requested information regarding the number of Haitians being apprehended by USBP and encountered by OFO. We are collecting preliminary information and looping in OPA.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/29: Troy Hayden, Fox 10 Phoenix, conducted a brief on-camera spot with a Tucson Sector Border Patrol PIO pointing and out smuggling/scouting activity in Mexico. General information discussed. Neutral tone anticipated. Elements of interview to be included in story of OBP led tour for various elected officials. Broadcast date 11/29.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/28: RGV PAO will facilitate ride along with Univision Nacional reporter Federica Narancio Genesi on November 29, 2016. Focus of story will be current trends in FMAU and UAC numbers. Ride along will be conducted in the McAllen and Rio Grande City AOR's  
Publication Date: TBD Tone: Positive to Neutral.

11/29: UPDATE RGV PAO facilitated ride along with Univision Nacional Federica Narancio Genesi on November 29, 2016. They were able to document FMAU and UAC activity (3 Groups). Principal for interviews (Spanish) was SBPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/28: Journalist Felipe Vergara Petrescu with a Chilean TV company called MEGA, requested to record work done along the border on either 12/10 or 12/11. Due to limited time to vet foreign media, they were offered to meet a neutral location outside our enforcement zone that would provide a view of our fencing and our camera towers, stadium lighting, all weather roads, Tijuana, MX, and also have them meet with a BPA for an interview for information and facts. He requested a Spanish speaker.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and BPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

1/27: French reporter, Anna Cuxac [www.facebook.com/causette](http://www.facebook.com/causette) from French magazine *Causette*, wanted to interview someone at the El Paso Sector (EPT) about the #HugsNotWall initiative, a special interest project being coordinated presently by the local chapter of El "Border Network of Human Rights" (BNHR). The media outlet requested that EPT explain how Border Patrol is working to make the #HugsNotWall operation possible; what that project means; the anticipated impact of the project and an explanation of

how this relationship affects Border security. It also asked for information relating to “whether the election victory by Donald Trump would impact this project?”. The media outlet was provide a short statement regarding EPT’s relationship with BNHR: “The U.S. Border Patrol-El Paso Sector works with a number of special interest organizations such as BNHR and other stakeholders to develop and maintain a strong sense of harmony in the community as it relates to border issues. ”The reporter was also informed that “the agency is NOT in a position to speculate on how the presidential election would impact CBP personnel, or its operations that involve partner organizations in the community.”

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/28: Milenio Television reporter Jose Antonio Belmont requested information late on 11/25 regarding the ongoing Anapra (NM) border fence replacement project. Reporter was interested in when project began and when it will be completed, nature of the work, who is doing the construction and costs. El Paso Sector communications replied to reporter and provided basic information. Neutral tone anticipated. No broadcast data.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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11/25: As contractors began to position heavy earth-moving equipment to perform site preparation for installation of the temporary holding facility adjacent to Donna-Rio Bravo International Bridge, PAO (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) drafted a holding statement based on the Tornillo statement in anticipation of potential media interest in the facility. The statement would be provided on a response to query basis. LFO mgmt. reviewed and concurred with statement. Statement sent for CBP Front Office review, Migration CAT concurrence. Front Office edits incorporated. No media inquiries as of press time. LFO CMO PAO (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) secured LFO Audio Visual Team deployment to capture still, video footage of construction development over weekend. Statement:

*“U.S. Customs & Border Protection is standing up a temporary facility adjacent to the Donna-Rio Bravo International Bridge to address an overflow of unaccompanied children and family units in CBP custody at the ports and stations in the area.*

*The temporary site can hold up to 500 people. CBP, assisted by contractors onsite, will ensure that all of the basic needs of those in CBP custody are met. CBP will regularly assess the need to expand the facilities and is prepared to add housing, beds, toilets and bathing facilities as needed. CBP will also regularly assess the need to keep this temporary facility operational based on the volume of people arriving at ports or crossing the border in the South Texas area.*

*The facility will provide additional space for those in CBP custody awaiting transfer to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement for detention and removal, or to the Department of Health and Human Services.*

*CBP will provide additional information in the near future.”*

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/21: José Antonio Belmont, Milenio Television reporter from Mexico City, is in Juarez and asking for opportunity to visit Tornillo facility. OPA replied explaining vetting requirements and offered possible off site meeting. OPA also shared news release and photos of the facility. No feedback from reporter.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/21: Washington Examiner news editor Pete Kasperowitz contacted OPA regarding Tornillo facility. He was drilling down on volume of surge and facility did not appear to be equipped to handle and any plans for future locations. OPA responded using prepared Q&A responses. Story should run Tuesday. Neutral to negative tone anticipated.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/21: Televisa/Mexico journalist Alan Perez asked if prison/detention contractors GEO or CCA were contractor for the Tornillo facility. OPA researching but advised that the facility will be run and managed by CBP. OPA stressed that the facility is an extension of work traditionally done at POE’s/BP stations and that this was not a detention center. Neutral to negative tone anticipated. No run date.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/21: RGV PAO will facilitate ride along with Fox News Channel Jeremy Pollard (Photog) and Stephanie Kovak (Producer) on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Will consist of still photography and B-roll of BP agents performing

normal operations.

11/23 update: RGV PAO conducted ride along with Fox News Channel Jeremy Pollard (Photog) and Stephanie Kovak (Producer) on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Fox News was able to document, conduct stand ups and shoot B-roll of Border Patrol agents in McAllen AOR encounter a FMAU/UAC group of 35. In the Rio Grande City AOR the crew was able to document, conduct stand ups and shoot B-roll of agents encounter with a FMAU/UAC group of 63. BPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (RGV Comms) was mic'ed up IOT explain the smugglers use of landings in Fronton area. He emphasized personnel, technology and infrastructure and how all were force multiplies in border security. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was able to conduct stand ups in front of over 2000 pounds of marijuana that had been seized by agents in the Rio Grande City AOR.

Date of Publication: 12-7-16 Tone: Positive

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) BPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/21: RGV PAO will facilitate ride along with KSAT reporter Bill Barajas. Topics will include jobs that the agents do on the ground, and what they do to secure the front lines, focus will also address current increase in FMAU/UAC apprehensions. Will occur October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Publication Date: TBD Expected Tone: Positive

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) BPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/17: Sandra Ramirez, KOAT-TV, conducted an interview with EPT on current USBP operations in west Texas and New Mexico.

EPT PAL discussed current measures being utilized to stem the current flow of UDA's into southern N.M. Report is anticipated

to be positive.

Leads: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), SOS PAL (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/16: Jean Guerrero, KPBS (Fronteras), [www.jeanguerrero.com](http://www.jeanguerrero.com) [www.kpbs.org](http://www.kpbs.org) is asking if there is any data available on the biometric testing at Otay Mesa. They are wishing to do a story on a promise made by President-elect Trump during his first 100 days to implement biometrics at all border crossings to catch visa overstays. Request was routed to the CBP Entry/Exit Team, and it was determined that CBP is in the process finalizing the report, and will provide a response to her inquiry no sooner than December. (*once the report is completed*).

Leads: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/15: Grant Hodgson, Coleman-Raynor freelancers for the National Enquirer, requested a ride-along in Tucson Sector and stats (apps, budget) for operations. Story would also include the reporter working with AZ Border Recon, a vigilante group. Seeking OPA guidance.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/15: John Moore, with Getty Images, wants to shoot photos of Border Patrol enforcement activities in the Imperial Sand Dunes. A ride-along with Mr. Moore is currently scheduled for Nov. 17. Tone expected to be neutral.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), PIO (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/15: Dan Marries, KOLD TV, requested information on a cross-border vehicle incursion that occurred yesterday in the Douglas, Arizona area. (b) (7)(E). We are collecting information for a brief statement for the reporter.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/15: CBP PAO conducted AMO operational ride along with AP Photographer Eric Gay and Video Journalist John Mone. Flight was delayed due to fog. Journalists documented Border Patrol tracking, Air and Marine and Border Patrol collaboration and apprehension of two groups. Initial focus of story was press conference regarding 150 detailees being assigned to the Rio Grande Valley attended by Frank Bajak and Eric Gay. Secondary topics were AMO/BP operations, and current trends.

Expected rundate: TBD, Expected tone: Positive

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/15: NBC News has requested a visit to the Rio Grande Valley for 11-16-16 to 11-18-16. They have requested a ride along, interview with Chief Padilla, a visit to the detention facilities (removed) and an AMO ride along. Crew will consist of Gabriel Gutierrez, David Douglas, Carlos Huazano, Callahan Moots. Focus will be on the current immigration influx.

Expected run date: TBD, Expected tone: Positive

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/15: Laredo Sector Border Patrol worked on several news stories with local NBC affiliate KGNS and KRGV in the Valley in regards to our Deer Blind Initiative. KGNS also worked on a special news piece on highlighting our BORSTAR unit and rescues. KRGV aired their news piece on Nov. 9, 2016 while the KGNS news piece will air today, November 15-16, 2016. The KGNS news piece on the Deer Blind Initiative will air on Monday, November 21, 2016. Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

#### **NORTHERN & COASTAL BORDER:**

12/12: Associate Press Caribbean Reporter, John Marino, contacted OPA Puerto Rico for an update to a Puerto Rico Police report on the landing of Cubans in Puerto Rico Saturday morning. An update was provided consisting on the landing of 11 Cuban migrants in the western coast and 5 in the island of Mona. <http://newsok.com/16-cuban-migrants-land-in-puerto-rico-after-boat-voyages/article/feed/1129682>

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/11: Kwegyirba Croffie with CNN in NYC, inquired about a December 9, 2016 incident at JFK. A woman by the name of Amani Al-Khatahtbeh, born in New Jersey said an officer at JFK told her to remove her headscarf when she was in line. She was returning from the United Arab Emirates through JFK. She said she told the officer that she wears a hijab for religious reasons and the officer cut her off, was hostile and told her "we're at the border right now, you don't have any civil rights, so take it off."

#### **CBP Statement:**

*CBP officers strive to treat all people arriving in the country with dignity and respect. While we are not at liberty to discuss individual cases due to the Privacy Act, our CBP officers are charged with enforcing not only immigration and customs laws, but they also enforce over 400 laws for 40 other agencies and have stopped thousands of violators of U.S. law.*

*U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) not only protects U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents but also ensures the safety of international travelers who come to our country to visit, study and conduct legitimate business.*

*CBP is the agency charged with determining admissibility of aliens, including legal permanent residents, at ports of entry. Under U.S. immigration law [Section 291 of the INA [8 USC 1361] applicants for admission bear the burden of proof to establish that they are clearly eligible to enter the U.S. In order to demonstrate that they are admissible, the applicant must overcome all grounds of inadmissibility.*

*The Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) broadly governs the admissibility and inadmissibility of aliens into the United States. INA § 212(a) lists more than 60 grounds of inadmissibility divided into several major categories, including health-related grounds, criminality, security reasons, public charge, labor certification, illegal entrants and immigration violations, documentation requirements, and miscellaneous grounds."*

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/9: Candese Charles from KMOT, the NBC affiliate in Minot, North Dakota, is working on a series about human trafficking. She is requesting the number of human trafficking incidents OFO has encountered in North Dakota over the last five years and if there has been a noticeable spike. She is also asking about signs officers look for, preventative measures, other agencies with whom we work, etc. She is also requesting an on-camera interview with one of the port directors in North Dakota and is seeking comment from Border Patrol and HSI as well.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/9: Atlanta OPA hosted "Closer Look" radio show from WABA, the NPR station for metro Atlanta. Host, Jim Burris shadowed PD (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), CBP Ag Specialist and our K-9 at ATL. The taped interview focuses on the role of CBP officers, Ag specialist and K-9 at POE ATL. Air date before Christmas holiday weekend. Tone: Positive

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)



12/8: Mr. Marc Santia of WNBC-NY would like to visit the Port of New York/Newark (H & M warehouse) Wednesday 14 December to do a story about hazardous/dangerous toys seized by CBP/CPSC prior to the holiday season. The piece looks to educate the public on potential hazards as well as to what CBP is doing to prevent these dangerous toys from entering at the POEs. We will have tables set-up with toys that pose a threat to the public with CPSC violations, also CBP (Deputy Chief (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)) and CPSC SMEs available to discuss the potential dangers of these products, lastly B-Roll opportunity of CBP & CPSC inspections. Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). Air Date: TBD. Positive Tone Expected.

12/5: OPA Atlanta took an enquiry from Jordan Green of Triad City Beat a weekly print in Greensboro, NC regarding a DACA individual seeking to re-enter the United States. The traveler was denied boarding at Mexico Int. Airport by airlines because of expired advance parole. He further attempted to return to the US and was denied entry at POE El Paso, TX. Reporter submitted some background and questions while requesting OPA comment. Working with OPA Branch Chief and staff able to respond to questions and refer other question to USCIS. Publish date December 14th. Tone: undetermined.

*Privacy Act prevents U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) from discussing specifics of any individual traveler's admissibility review. **Humanitarian Parole** is for emergency situations and cannot be used to circumvent: Normal visa-issuing procedures, preference immigrant visa availability, or processing for refugee status. Is an extraordinary measure, sparingly used. Examples include aliens who: Need specialized, life-saving medical care in the U.S., or have severe medical conditions that make detention or deportation of an otherwise inadmissible alien inappropriate.*

**1. What is the likelihood of someone in Mr. Doe's circumstances being approved for humanitarian parole so that he can re-enter the United States and be reunited with his family?**

*CBP does not have the authority to admit an inadmissible alien. However, certain discretionary mechanisms such as a port parole or waiver of documents may be applied to provide relief in appropriate situations when the circumstances of the case merits it. However, discretion cannot be exercised favorably for aliens who may contribute to the illegal population of the United States. A port paroles may be considered in unforeseen or emergent circumstances to allow an alien to temporarily enter the United States.*

**2. What criteria would CPB consider in making a determination on such a case?**

*Common reasons a waiver or parole would be denied at a Port of Entry include: applying for a parole or waiver to circumvent admissibility requirements, circumstances do not constitute a medical emergency, traveler had ample time to apply for a visa, previous criminal history, and previous violations of immigration laws of the U.S.*

**3. How long does it typically take for CPB to make a determination in such cases?**

*It varies as travelers must apply in person and be inspected. CBP does not adjudicate advance paroles. Advance parole requests should be made to USCIS.*

**4. Considering the incoming administration's position on immigration, is CPB making any attempt to expedite immigration cases to resolve them before Jan. 20, when President-elect Trump takes office?**

*CBP enforces the laws that currently exist and we are in no position to speculate on what/if any changes would occur under a new administration.*

Lead: Rob (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/2: Marc Santia, a reporter from WNBC, requested CBP comment on large seizure of counterfeit phones, reported yesterday as seized by NYPD. Reporter working on 5pm deadline. Request for any additional info for reporter submitted to port. Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/2: Update: Reporters Nidhi Prakash, Fusion; Kirsten Salyer, TIME; Wanyee Li, Metro Vancouver; Daniel Victor, New York Times; and Robin Levinson-King, BBC inquired regarding Canadian photojournalist Ed Ou, who claims he was detained for six hours and had his cellphones searched by CBP officers at the Vancouver airport. He claims he was then denied entry to the U.S. The reporters were provided the following statement:

*"Due to the restrictions of the Privacy Act, Customs and Border Protection does not discuss individual travelers; however, all international travelers arriving to the U.S. are subject to CBP inspection. This inspection may include electronic devices such as computers, disks, drives, tapes, mobile phones*

and other communication devices, cameras, music and other media players and any other electronic or digital device.

Keeping America safe and enforcing our nation's laws in an increasingly digital world depends on our ability to lawfully examine all materials entering the U.S.

In Fiscal Year 2015, U.S. Customs and Border Protection processed more than 383 million U.S. arrivals and conducted 4,764 inspections of electronic media, including 4,444 cell phone inspections. This equates to .0012 percent of travelers undergoing an inspection of electronic media. Fiscal Year 2016 numbers are not available just yet.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection realizes the importance of international travel to the U.S. economy and we strive to process arriving travelers as efficiently and securely as possible while ensuring compliance with laws and regulations governing the international arrival process."

Any international traveler who seeks resolutions regarding difficulties they experience can use DHS Traveler Redress Inquiry Program [www.dhs.gov/dhs-trip\[dhs.gov](http://www.dhs.gov/dhs-trip[dhs.gov)

More information about CBP search authority is also available here: <https://www.cbp.gov/travel/cbp-search-authority>

12/1: Simon Shaykhet a reporter for ABC Detroit WXYZ completed shooting a piece on the VirTra system in Detroit. Interview included the Port director (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and PAL (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). Simon will be promoting the story leading up to its air date on December 14<sup>th</sup> at 11pm. Simon who is the former PAO of the Detroit FBI Field Office is very pro law-enforcement and a huge proponent of CBP.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) / PAL (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/1: ICE/HSI in Minneapolis has reached out to OPA in Chicago to coordinate a joint TV story on IPR violations currently being caught in Minneapolis via DHL and mail shipments. Currently coordinating with the Chicago Field Office for approvals. Story would be part of a Holiday Story for the Minneapolis Markets.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/1: Following the Atlanta Field Office issuing the [local news release highlighting K-9 Beagles at Port of Atlanta](#), WSB-TV requested follow-up covering the work of Agriculture Specialist On 11/30, reporter Carl Willis followed "Candie" through primary. PD (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) added SME interview that included "Know Before You Go". Air date TDB Tone: Positive

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) PAL: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/28: Robert LeBlanc of Vice is looking to do a photo essay about a day in the life of a Havre Sector Border Patrol Agent. He wants to show the day-to-day life of the agents on the northern border. He feels that the media doesn't show a lot of what is going on up north. He is the brother of Havre Station BPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). Would like to take the photos between Dec. 26 and 30.

Leads: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Havre PAO (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/28: Video journalist Brittany Peterson with McClatchy newspapers reached out to the CBP media relations email on Nov. 22, requesting stats on the immigration influx on the southwest border. She is working on a documentary series on how America is already changing under the forthcoming Trump administration. She has heard numerous reports about an increased number of migrants crossing the US/Mexico border in recent days...a reaction possibly sparked from fear that Trump will quickly crack down on border crossings, and possibly build a wall. She was provided the link to the S-1 statement and the stats page: <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/stats/southwest-border-unaccompanied-children/fy-2017>. She reached out again to request numbers for November. Reporter was informed that November numbers are not available at this time, but should be posted to the previously sent link when they are available.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/25: Bryan Anderson, a reporter with the duopoly ABC/NBC affiliates in Fort Myers requested latest information on seizures of counterfeit hoverboards in Florida for story airing this afternoon on Black Friday. Provided [Hoverboard Enforcement Update](#) released this past summer along with information to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. May arrange an interview over the next few weeks if



outlet would like to do a follow-up report.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/25: Jose Alberto Irizarry producer for the newscast of Puerto Rico Public Broadcasting (WIPM/WIPR Channels 6 and 3) is producing a piece on Illegal Immigration to Puerto Rico. He would like to interview a spokesperson from Border Patrol on the overall picture of this phenomenon in the island. He has 4 weeks to produce the piece. Ramey Border Patrol has approved the request. Date for interview and visit TBD.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/25: Jose Sanchez Fournier, reporter for El Nuevo Dia, writes for a Saturday Section called "Cronicas" in which they prepare a story behind the scenes of what certain professions do for a living on a day to day basis. He seeks to do a story with CBP agents and officers (AMO, BP and OFO) regarding their day to day work. Approval has been sought from all three operational components. Dates for embed and interviews to be determined. Story would run on a Saturday right after the visit.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/18: TVA Canada reporter Jacob Cassidy is working on a story about two Canadian men charged with human smuggling as well as what happened to an Ecuadorian woman who entered the U.S. by illegally crossing the river in a rowboat. Deadline: November 21. Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)/ BP PAL (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Referred to HIS as the question was what happened to the woman who entered illegally.

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11/15: Keely Herrington, marketing coordinator for Louis Armstrong International Airport (MSY) reached out to New Orleans Field Office for leadership to join in the their show "Airport Alive." This local Government TV access production is picked up by Louisiana public TV markets also airs in the MSY airport. Today, APD (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) participated in the taped interview that was focused on the recent arrival of Global Entry Kiosks, our Global Entry Traveler program and the role of CBP at MSY airport. Air date set for mid- December with MSY Airport program lasting through March 2017. Tone: Positive

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) OFO (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/15: Bernardo Ruiz, a producer with HBO's VICE News Tonight is interested in doing a short feature story about the Northern Border to include an overview of the area's terrain and challenges especially in the winter. He is also interested in what training goes on in terms of emergency preparedness. Timeframe is flexible but looking to film in December if possible.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

10/27: Phil Rogers a reporter with WMAQ NBC Chicago reached out to OPA in Detroit to inquire about doing a story about counterfeit Cubs/Indians merchandise coming through the International Mail Facility in Chicago. IMF currently is not seeing counterfeits coming through. As the World Series progresses we will monitor and re-engage with reporter if we start to see the merchandise being sent via the IMF. Story is being coordinated with HSI Chicago.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)/ PAL (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

10/20: Reporter/historian Feliks Banel of KIRO radio in Seattle inquired regarding the history of the border between Canada and the U.S., particularly Washington state and British Columbia. CBP historians are looking into it and will provide information regarding the inquiry. Reporter wanted to do a taped interview Oct. 21, however, due to the complexity of the request it will be pushed back until the information can be compiled. Anticipated tone is positive to neutral.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

9/7: Guy Baillie-Grohman an assistant Producer with ntopia out of the United Kingdom reached out to OPA in Detroit to discuss a potential Crime Technology Series with CNN. Guy is reaching out to forensic units across the United States that have cracked difficult cases by utilizing new forensic techniques. This new show would chronicle the development of an investigation from crime scene to conviction, with each episode in the series telling the story of how a combination of dogged detective work and new forensic technology have worked together to secure a conviction in a complex case. Currently researching information for this. Producer stated they hope to start shooting this new series by November 2016.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**NEWS RELEASES:**

12/19: OPA Buffalo posted news release for OFO Buffalo Field Office on charity basketball game held at Champlain by CBP officers and NY State Police. Lead: PAL (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/12: Yuma Sector Border Patrol [distributed a news release](#) through Joint Task Force-West, Arizona regarding weekend seizures totaling more than 2,000 lbs. of drugs.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/12: Tucson Sector Border Patrol [distributed a news release](#) through Joint Task Force-West, Arizona regarding a vehicle stop with 2 illegal immigrants and more than 1,000 lbs. of marijuana.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
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From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
Sent: Friday, December 02, 2016 5:56:18 AM  
To: DailyMediaReport  
Subject: DAILY MEDIA REPORT FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2016

**Media Division Daily Media Report  
Friday, December 2, 2016**

GUIDANCE: Entries in **blue** are new or updated. **Black** entries previously mentioned.  
The submission starts with the date posted on the DMR. For media inquiries, submissions should identify the outlet, name of the reporter(s), topic, request and deadline. For events, submissions should include the following details: date, time, address, label and title of principal officials attending/speaking, type of event.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:**

**C1/C2 EVENTS:**

**CONGRESS, SLT, NGO, OTR:**

**MEDIA EVENTS:**

12/1: On December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 the Chicago Field Office will conduct a Change of Command Ceremony for incoming DFO Robert White. EAC Owen and former DFO Ferrara will be in attendance at the event.

Change of Command is open to the media.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)/PAL (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**SPECIAL PROJECTS:**

9/7: Brad Austin, Renegade 83 productions, recently watched videos on one of the wild mustangs in the TCA Horse Patrol. They are interested in a project that would highlight BP Horse Patrol unit and one of the prisons where our horses are trained. They thought it could make for a great documentary TV show.

The production company is based in Los Angeles and creates/produces a lot of different shows for a wide variety of TV networks ([www.renegade83.com](http://www.renegade83.com)). They are interested in a show concept that tells the stories of both our patrol unit on horseback and the horse trainer / inmate horse training program.

9/30 UPDATE: Project approved, tentatively slated for November.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Principal: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**SOCIAL MEDIA:**

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@CBPNorthwest mourns #tacomaofficer killed in line of duty. Our thoughts & prayers go out to family, friends, fellow officers @TacomaPD [pic.twitter.com/vjIFOV3NeJ](https://pic.twitter.com/vjIFOV3NeJ)

**@CBPNortheast**

**@CBPRGV**

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**@CBPSouthEast**

**@CBPSouthTexas**

#USBP Agents at Eagle Pass South Station arrest convicted murderer for illegal entry after deportation. Read here: <http://bit.ly/2gdhNk6>

#USBP Agentes en Eagle Pass, Texas arrestan a un asesino condenado por entrada ilegal después de deportación. <http://bit.ly/2gEsWez>

**@CBPWestTexas**

**@CBPSanDiego**

**HEADQUARTERS:**

12/1: Caitlin Dickerson of NY Times asked about the temporary facility in Donna, TX and any other

facilities. Deadline asap, publication 12/2. Provided her the combined Tornillo/Donna statement and TP below:

*"U.S. Customs & Border Protection (CBP) is standing up a temporary facility adjacent to the Donna-Rio Bravo International Bridge in Donna, Texas to provide additional capacity for unaccompanied children and family units in CBP custody at Ports of Entry and U.S. Border Patrol stations in the area.*

*The temporary site can hold up to 500 people and will provide additional space for those in CBP custody awaiting transfer to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement for processing, detention, and/or removal, or to the Department of Health and Human Services. CBP, assisted by approved contractors onsite, will ensure the basic needs of those in CBP custody are met. CBP will also regularly assess whether to expand these facilities or keep this temporary facility operational based on the volume of people arriving at or between our Ports of Entry, or crossing the border in the South Texas area.*

*We (CBP) opened a similar facility on November 25 at the Tornillo-Guadalupe Port of Entry near El Paso. That too is a temporary facility to provide additional capacity for family units and unaccompanied children along the Southwest border and can hold up to 500 people providing additional space for those in CBP custody awaiting transfer to ICE or HHS. CBP will assess the need to keep this temporary facility operational based on the volume of people arriving there as well.*

*U.S. Customs & Border Protection's processing of illegal border crossers is conducted in accordance with U.S. immigration laws while also addressing this migratory surge in a humane way, consistent with our border security mission and our American values."*

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/1: Stephen Dinan, Washington Times in following up on Chief Morgan's testimony asked if CBP was requested legislative relief with regard to credible fear claims that have risen 'exponentially'.

Providing the below negative response:

*"U.S. Customs & Border Protection has not sought legislative or policy changes in regard to credible fear claims."*

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/21: Anjali Tsui freelance journalist with ProPublica together with the Miami Herald, are preparing to publish a story about foreign government officials who have entered the US despite ongoing investigations and corruption charges. He requested comment from US Customs and Border Protection regarding former Panamanian President Martinelli left Panama on Jan. 28, 2015, just hours before his country's Supreme Court announced a formal investigation into charges that he had embezzled \$45 million. Provided Privacy Act statement.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/21: David Ingram of Thomson-Reuters requested a comment on the letter from Governor Cuomo (NY) with recommendations to bolster safety protocols and JFK following the panic/self-evacuation in August. Deadline is ASAP, forwarded to Front Office for vis and coordinating with CMO for a response.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/21: WatchDog.com's Kenric Ward posted a story on which Mike Hayes of Buzzfeed and KRGV's Christian von Preysing picked up and are awaiting comment regarding the NBPC-reported shut-down of Operation Phalanx. Coordinating with USBP for statement but provided the interim:

*"U.S. Customs and Border Protection is looking to continue that partnership into 2017, as we have for decades. CBP has already reached out to DOD to request our partner's continued support.*

*Reporters have asked for evidence as the NBPC is actively pushing back stating that DHS is seeking to re-start it only as a result of their reporting the discontinuation.*

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/09: Samantha Cooney from Motto, a Time Magazine-female oriented website, interviewed with B2, Chief Provost about her promotion. Questions asked were as follows: Anticipated publication date is

TBD, but possibly this week.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/1: Glenn Ruppel producer with ABC News "20/20", contacted OPA to discuss a potential story about the security along the Canadian border. He stated he had read and watched some of the recent stories about the struggle to cover such a long border with much fewer resources than are employed to the south. He's open for the possibility of spending riding along with some BP agents there. The hope is for a one hour "20/20" that's sort of a snowy version of an episode of Border Wars. Though in addition to embedding with some agents, he would also be interested in trying to set up interviews with some of those CBP have captured – smugglers etc.—and have on surveillance tape. They would like to start sometime over the next few weeks, but they are flexible. Also no need for the whole border, just some key spots that have the possibility of getting us some decent action. And combine that with agents who have particularly strong personalities that would work well on camera. Deadline: Next few weeks. OPA to discuss internally.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C),

#### **Enforcement:**

11/30: John Burnette from NPR wants to visit the San Diego to do an explainer piece about the different types of fencing. He's requesting dates of Jan 11-12. They are also requesting a ride along

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/23: Fernanda Santos from NY Times is working on a story about the heroin epidemic in the United States. Her piece will focus on the work of Homeland Security Investigations special agents stationed in Rio Rico, Ariz. She spent the day with them responding to port calls in Nogales. She is requested OFO seizure data from 2015-2016 (YTD) for the southwest border. Deadline is Monday Nov 28, publication date anticipated for Dec. 1.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/23: John Bonifield from CNN wants heroine seizure data from 2016. He's working on a story about the opioid epidemic in the US. He's gotten a good number from C1's April testimony. Deadline is flexible. Air date is TBD.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/17: Nippon TV (Japanese) reporter Ken Miura is conducting research into the construction of the Mexico-U.S. border fence, in particular under the Secure Fence Act of 2006 and the SBI program that followed. He wants a list of companies that were granted contracts by the USACE in the time between 2006 and 2010 for the construction of the border fence.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/15: NBC Nightly News has two requests in to film at RGV about the migrant influx. Working with local leadership to accommodate. Film dates anticipated 11/16-11/18.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/8: CNN reporter Rosa Flores has requested Syrian data from the SBO by month for 2015-2016. Says she is working on a story about Syrians entering from the southwest border. Undetermined deadline, and publication date.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/2: Texas Tribune's Elly Dearman has requested marijuana and heroin seizure data from 2000-present. She is working on two stories. One is a story about the growing opioid problem in Texas, and she wanted to look at heroin seizures to see how they correspond as a sidebar to the story. The other is to look at trends in the amount of marijuana crossing the border to see how that has changed since its legalization in several states. Her deadline is end of this week or early next week. BP has provided stats, awaiting FO

approval. Anticipated publication date is Dec 9.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/1: KPBS reporter Jean Guerrero has asked for a border fence construction timeline going back to 1900. She is working on a story about Aguilas del Desierto, a group of volunteers who go out to rescue migrants who get lost crossing the border, or to find their remains to help give families closure. She has interviewed that group, the University of San Diego's Trans-Border Institute and BORSTAR. BPFTI PMO has proved fence data. Reporter says deadline is Nov 9. Stats provided to reporter.

Update: Broadcast date is 12/12

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

10/4: Reporter Johannes Kuhn, a reporter who is covering the United States for Suddeutsche Zeitung ([www.sz.de](http://www.sz.de)), Germany's biggest broadsheet-newspaper, is working on a story about immigration and border security, and asked for "a statistic that says how many of the immigrants come with & without passports (percentage)?" He clarified to state "I am looking for information about the people who are making their entrance over the Southern border to Mexico without having a valid Visa or similar documents that allow for regular entry, and who are apprehended on U.S. soil (illegal border crossing)." He is specifically interested in the land border between the U.S. and Mexico. The request is pending review by the CMO.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

#### **HRM/Technology:**

9/7: CNBC Producer, Karina Frayter wishes to produce a CBP recruiting story for their series "Where the Jobs Are", to tell the story of the CBP Frontline hiring as well as training of CBP officers/agents.

10/3: Update - Coordinating with USBP and HRM to determine who, when and where the project should be. Filming beginning of October – air date November 4<sup>th</sup>.

10/4 Update: Location set with BP is El Paso. Gloria Chavez looped in on this effort.

10/7: - Update: ACPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) is the El Paso POC. And I has been asked to select a new female BP agent and provide ride-along details. Dates for a C1 interview are pending, as is the name of a POC at the BP Academy to arrange the requisite Academy video elements for the shooting team.

10/27 Update: They are looking at January air date. Notified the impacted CBP POC's.

11/18 Update: Set air date for the show is Jan 6<sup>th</sup>. B1 will be interviewed instead to C1. Conference call set for 11/21 to define logistics of shooting schedule. Filming will begin mid December.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

#### **Travel:**

11/30: Andrea Peterson, a tech reporter for the Washington Post, inquired about the number of electronic searches performed at the border each year. She is writing an article about Canadian photojournalist Edward Ou who claims CBP agents asked him to unlock his mobile phones on Oct. 1 at Vancouver Preclearance before being denied entry to the U.S. The ACLU sent a letter to Secretary Johnson and the Commissioner objecting to Ou's treatment. Deadline is 11/30. Publication date is TBD.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/30: Chris McGinnis from Travel Skills is writing about Global Entry renewals. Deadline is 12/2. Publication date is TBD.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/30: Scott Rouch is writing a story on Global Entry for WhereTraveler.com. Publication date is TBD.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/15: Drafting a news release about the Departure Verification System which is part of the Departure Information Systems Test for the use of facial recognition software for air passengers at the Atlanta

Hartsfield International Airport. Date for issuance is to be determined.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**Trade:**

11/21 UPDATE: Investigative reporter Uri Blau is doing a story [Haaretz](#) about the labeling of products imported to United States from Israel/West Bank. It is his understanding that in recent months that we, CBP, has been checking the number of complaints against companies based in the West Bank, East Jerusalem or Golan Heights that are allegedly wrongfully mark the products they import as "Made in Israel". He also claims that CBP approached the Department of State, asking them for clarification on the right terminology that should be used on products imported from the West Bank, East Jerusalem or Golan Heights.

11/21: OT has shared draft FY16 IPR stats press release, which included C1 quote to be vetted through the front office.

11/21: OT FY16 Trade stats provided to OPA for inclusion on DHS Trade and Travel press release.

11/21: Working with the IPR branch to announce the establishment of the E-Commerce and Small Business Branch within OT. This may be in the form of a press release or pitch to ITT, Bloomberg.

**SOUTHWEST BORDER:**

12/1: Nigel Duara, L.A. Times, wants a tour of the (b) (7)(E) and a briefing on the CBP 911 response. Currently collecting more information from the reporter.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/1: Pete Kasperowicz News editor, Washington Examiner contacted OPA requesting information on how much the Tornillo and Donna facilities are costing the agency. Requesting information from CAT if available. Negative tone anticipated.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/1: Pilar Marrero Senior Political Reporter, IMPREMEDIA contacted OPA regarding surge of migrant FAMU and UAC's at southwest border. OPA provided link to latest data available on CBP webpage. Impremedia supplies content to many U.S. based Spanish language news outlets. Neutral tone anticipated. No publication date.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/1: RGV PAO escorted journalist Giles Lambertson to the NASOC facility in Corpus Christi. Mr. Lambertson is writing a story for Smithsonian Air and Space magazine on AMO and its mission on the Southwest Border. Mr. Lambertson was given an operational brief which covered a unit overview, mission statement, AMO partners, hemispheric operations, equipment and a VaDER overview. DAO (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was interviewed. Topics included capabilities, staffing, support, inter-agency cooperation(USBP, USCG, AMO, etc.). Mr. Lambertson was given a tour of a P-3, walk around of a MQ9 Predator and he was able to observe P-3 and MQ9 launches. Mr. Lambertson had previously visited the McAllen Air and Marine Branch for his story.

Publication Date: TBD Tone: Positive

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/30: SDC received a request from reporter Nicole Spohn Almeida, a USC with Deutsche Welle German TV out of Los Angeles who wants to illustrate the current situation at the California border and to portray the work of a Border Patrol agent and understand challenges along the border. We will meet at a neutral location that provides a view of our fencing, camera towers, stadium lighting, all weather roads, Tijuana, MX, and also have her meet with a BPA for an interview for information and facts on 12/2. She would broadcast the b-roll and interview over the coming weekend.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and BPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/30: El Diario de Juarez and Norte Juarez newspaper contacted PAL (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) regarding a baby kidnapping case garnering much attention in [local the Spanish language media](#). The child was allegedly



stolen in Juarez and taken to Roswell before being returned to Juarez late on 11/29. Press wanted to know how child could have been brought through the POE if kidnapped in Mexico. PAL discussed inspection process and questioned if that had actually been established. Neutral to negative tone anticipated.

12/1: UPDATE – KVIA-TV/EI Paso followed up on the story. OPA provided the following statement:

*"While CBP cannot speak about individual encounters because of privacy provisions, CBP can state that all people entering the U.S. are subject to inspection to confirm that they are admissible. If a traveler has not yet received a birth certificate for an infant, CBP can accept either the birth record issued by the hospital, a letter on hospital letterhead or a letter from the doctor who delivered the child providing details of the birth, including the name of the child, time and place of birth, and names of parents. CBP officers will utilize their experience, interview techniques and available technology combined with information provided by the traveler to determine admissibility. If someone is found to be smuggling an infant (or any person) through a port of entry by using documents belonging to a different person (imposter) or by making a false claim for citizenship that person can be arrested and prosecuted for alien smuggling. Those charges can be retroactively applied if a violation is discovered after the fact."*

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/30: Belgian newspaper HET BELANG VAN LIMBURG reporter Ruben Steegen contacted OPA requesting opportunity to visit with OBP for a line tour/interview regarding current enforcement efforts and Trump wall. OPA advised that we could not accommodate a tour because of vetting constraints and that we would not be speaking to incoming administration proposals. OPA advised that an off-site OBP 101 type interview may be available. Currently checking with EP Sector to see if they can accommodate. Neutral tone. No publication date.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/30: ABC News Nightline producer Shannon Crawford advises that the network is doing a piece on the Arizona Border Recon civilian militia group operating in the Arizona desert. ABC was looking for CBP statement regarding the group and the work they are doing. CBP developing a response. Neutral tone anticipated. No air date.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/30: El Paso Times reporter Sara Sanchez contacted OPA regarding comments related to the Cross Border Trade Enhancement Act which would make it easier for the agency/municipalities to continue 559 and 560 projects. The act has not been passed/signed into law yet so OPA advised that CBP does not comment on pending matters. OPA did provide [www.cbp.gov](http://www.cbp.gov) 559 and 560 links and mentioned that the programs in place in El Paso and Santa Teresa are doing well. Neutral tone anticipated. Publication December 1.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/30: Fielded media inquiries from Associated Press, Bloomberg News, KNVO-TV, Estrella TV regarding the Donna temporary holding facility and provided copies of the holding statement. Disseminated the statement to media contacts and posted statement to [cbp.gov](http://cbp.gov) Expected rundate: 11/30, expected tone: neutral to negative.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/29: Several media outlets, including KGBT-TV (CBS-RGV), KTLN-TV (Telemundo-RGV), The Monitor (McAllen) sought comment from CBP following a report that surfaced in The Monitor (McAllen) regarding the standing up of a tent city in Donna, TX. CBP PAO (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) provided the following CBP-approved statement on a response to query basis. Expected rundate: 11/29, expected tone: neutral to negative.

*U.S. Customs & Border Protection (CBP) is standing up a temporary facility adjacent to the Donna-Rio Bravo International Bridge in Donna, Texas to provide additional capacity for unaccompanied children and family units in CBP custody at Ports of Entry and U.S. Border Patrol stations in the area. The temporary site can hold up to 500 people and will provide additional space for those in CBP custody*

*awaiting transfer to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement for processing, detention, and/or removal, or to the Department of Health and Human Services. CBP, assisted by approved contractors onsite, will ensure the basic needs of those in CBP custody are met. CBP will also regularly assess whether to expand these facilities or keep this temporary facility operational based on the volume of people arriving at or between our Ports of Entry, or crossing the border in the South Texas area. CBP is prepared to add housing, beds, toilets, and bathing facilities as necessary.*

*CBP continues to work with other federal and international agencies to discourage individuals from embarking on the dangerous trip to enter the United States illegally, and will provide additional information in the near future.*

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/29: Lawrence Wright, Texas-based writer from New Yorker Magazine, and Monica Ortiz-Urbe from "Fronteras", are requesting a border tour together in El Paso on either 11-30 or 12-1. Mr. Wright wants to get a perspective of a Border Patrol agent with specific interest in current challenges that agents face in regard to border issues (undoc. immigrants crossings, as opposed to narcotics or people smuggling; how the border community sees itself as opposed to those who are not on the border; will expectations increase or decrease in the future when it comes to demands? Request will be scheduled by El Paso Sector personnel if they are available. Reporter Ortiz-Urbe says she is going along just to accompany him. <http://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2015/07/06/five-hostages>

<http://www.fronterasdesk.org/staff/%2099>

Leads: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), SOS (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/29: El Diario de El Paso reporter Juliana Henao wanted to confirm if CBP was planning to use an avatar system to screen people at border POE's as described in this link: <http://www.popsci.com/article/technology/animated-avatar-could-screen-humans-national-security>. OPA advised that CBP is not mentioned in story and that reporter should check with system maker about possible clients.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/29: KTHR-AM 740/Houston reporter Nik Rajkovic contacted CBP requesting comments about SWB drug seizure activity mentioned in [this article/study](#) at drugabuse.com. OPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) provided links to CBP.gov and offered general sound on tape regarding CBP enforcement activity. Positive tone anticipated/stories should be running 11/29.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/28: Rory Carroll, The Guardian, has been given approval for a ride-along on the Arizona border. He is considering this to be a "straight news feature" on daily Border Patrol operations. He will be meeting PIO (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) in Nogales on Tuesday, Nov. 29. Tucson Sector Border Patrol will push BSI messaging. Tone is expected to be neutral.

PIO: Border Patrol Agent (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/28: Daniel Gonzalez, Arizona Republic, requested information regarding the number of Haitians being apprehended by USBP and encountered by OFO. We are collecting preliminary information and looping in OPA.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/29: Troy Hayden, Fox 10 Phoenix, conducted a brief on-camera spot with a Tucson Sector Border Patrol PIO pointing and out smuggling/scouting activity in Mexico. General information discussed. Neutral tone anticipated. Elements of interview to be included in story of OBP led tour for various elected officials. Broadcast date 11/29.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/28: RGV PAO will facilitate ride along with Univision Nacional reporter Federica Narancio Genesi on

November 29, 2016. Focus of story will be current trends in FMAU and UAC numbers. Ride along will be conducted in the McAllen and Rio Grande City AOR's  
Publication Date: TBD Tone: Positive to Neutral.

11/29: UPDATE RGV PAO facilitated ride along with Univision Nacional Federica Narancio Genesi on November 29, 2016. They were able to document FMAU and UAC activity (3 Groups). Principal for interviews (Spanish) was SBPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/28: Editor Nicolas Freund with Süddeutsche Zeitung, a Germany newspaper, will be in San Diego in January and requested to get first –hand insights on challenges faced along the border in January. Due to limited time to vet foreign media, they were offered to meet at a neutral location outside our enforcement zone that would provide a view of our fencing and our camera towers, stadium lighting, all weather roads, Tijuana, MX, and also have them meet with a BPA for an interview for information and facts. No date has been set.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/28: Journalist Felipe Vergara Petrescu with a Chilean TV company called MEGA, requested to record work done along the border on either 12/10 or 12/11. Due to limited time to vet foreign media, they were offered to meet at a neutral location outside our enforcement zone that would provide a view of our fencing and our camera towers, stadium lighting, all weather roads, Tijuana, MX, and also have them meet with a BPA for an interview for information and facts. He requested a Spanish speaker.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and BPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/28: Andrew Collins, a writer with an automotive /transportation website called <http://jalopnik.com/> uncovered a video where a BP vehicle is used to recover an off-road vehicle that crashed on to its side in the Glamis Sand Dunes in El Centro Sector. The video here: [https://www.instagram.com/p/BNTTSdnBn-\\_-L/](https://www.instagram.com/p/BNTTSdnBn-_-L/) . The writer states that they are demonstrating some poor and extremely dangerous techniques by letting people (well) within the strike zone of the recovery strap, using a ball hitch to pull a vehicle, and keeping the throttle pressed as it obviously becomes stuck. It appears to have occurred November 27th at Glamis Sand Dunes. He requested a comment or statement if agents received off-road recovery training. ACPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) working on it.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and ACPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

1/27: French reporter, Anna Cuxac [www.facebook.com/causette](https://www.facebook.com/causette) from French magazine *Causette*, wanted to interview someone at the El Paso Sector (EPT) about the #HugsNotWall initiative, a special interest project being coordinated presently by the local chapter of El "Border Network of Human Rights" (BNHR). The media outlet requested that EPT explain how Border Patrol is working to make the #HugsNotWall operation possible; what that project means; the anticipated impact of the project and an explanation of how this relationship affects Border security. It also asked for information relating to "whether the election victory by Donald Trump would impact this project?". The media outlet was provided a short statement regarding EPT's relationship with BNHR: "The U.S. Border Patrol-El Paso Sector works with a number of special interest organizations such as BNHR and other stakeholders to develop and maintain a strong sense of harmony in the community as it relates to border issues." The reporter was also informed that "the agency is NOT in a position to speculate on how the presidential election would impact CBP personnel, or its operations that involve partner organizations in the community."

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/28: Milenio Television reporter Jose Antonio Belmont requested information late on 11/25 regarding the ongoing Anapra (NM) border fence replacement project. Reporter was interested in when project began and when it will be completed, nature of the work, who is doing the construction and costs. El Paso Sector communications replied to reporter and provided basic information. Neutral tone anticipated. No broadcast data.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/25: As contractors began to position heavy earth-moving equipment to perform site preparation for

installation of the temporary holding facility adjacent to Donna-Rio Bravo International Bridge, PAO (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) drafted a holding statement based on the Tornillo statement in anticipation of potential media interest in the facility. The statement would be provided on a response to query basis. LFO mgmt. reviewed and concurred with statement. Statement sent for CBP Front Office review, Migration CAT concurrence. Front Office edits incorporated. No media inquiries as of press time. LFO CMO PAL (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) secured LFO Audio Visual Team deployment to capture still, video footage of construction development over weekend. Statement:

*"U.S. Customs & Border Protection is standing up a temporary facility adjacent to the Donna-Rio Bravo International Bridge to address an overflow of unaccompanied children and family units in CBP custody at the ports and stations in the area.*

*The temporary site can hold up to 500 people. CBP, assisted by contractors onsite, will ensure that all of the basic needs of those in CBP custody are met. CBP will regularly assess the need to expand the facilities and is prepared to add housing, beds, toilets and bathing facilities as needed. CBP will also regularly assess the need to keep this temporary facility operational based on the volume of people arriving at ports or crossing the border in the South Texas area.*

*The facility will provide additional space for those in CBP custody awaiting transfer to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement for detention and removal, or to the Department of Health and Human Services.*

*CBP will provide additional information in the near future."*

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/25: John Herskovitz, ThomsonReuters News Service's Texas correspondent, launched a series of questions via CBP MediaRelations regarding secure fence construction in the Rio Grande Valley area of operation. His specific questions include:

1. What was the original plan for construction in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas in terms of miles and type of fencing, and how many miles of fencing were actually built?
2. What has been the impact of the fencing in South Texas in reducing illegal immigration?
3. Did budget concerns and legal fights have any impact on the construction of fencing in South Texas?
4. In an email from Jeffrey Self released under a Freedom of Information Act request, he writes **"They will not build any fence in any area (urban) where real estate costs are too high"**. How did cost concerns impact the area that were selected for fence construction?

RGV PAO (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) reached out the reporter, advised we would work on his inquiry and learned his deadline is sometime the week of Nov. 28-Dec. 2. Expected rundate, week of Nov. 28-Dec. 2, expected tone: neutral to negative.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/23: NHK Los Angeles inquired regarding the volume of UACs, undocumented migrants in the RGV area and if the numbers are increasing. Provided link to statement on CBP.gov on deployment of additional agents to RGV area and links to Border Patrol statistics on cbp.gov. Reporter inquired about a border tour, explained DHS vetting process for foreign national crew members.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/22: San Antonio Express-News Reporter Jason Buch advised he is down in McAllen and sought to confirm that CBP is seeing an increase in asylum requests at the Hidalgo Port of Entry. Developed response taken from LFO UAC/FAMU surge talking points, obtained concurrence from LFO mgmt., in the process of obtaining concurrence from HQ OPA with Migration CAT visibility. Expected run date: TBD, expected tone: neutral to negative.

#### *Statement*

*CBP has observed an increase in the number of unaccompanied alien children from countries other than Mexico presenting themselves for admission at Laredo Field Office ports of entry. CBP officers processed 691 UACs at Laredo Field Office ports in FY 2015 and processed more than 2,500 UACs in FYTD 2016. In terms of family units, CBP officers at Laredo Field Office ports processed more than 2,600 family unit members in FYTD 2016.*

11/23 update: HQ OPA concurrence obtained, statement provided.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/22: San Diego Sector received questions from journalist Radina Gigova with the CNN International Desk asking for clarity on the process of how the "Children's Day" event was requested and organized. It occurred on 11/19 at Friendship Circle at the Border Field State Park. BP's roll was minimal; vet six families submitted by pro-immigrant group The Border Angels, open the door in the fence, and secure the area for a 30 minute period. She was contemplating a story.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/21: José Antonio Belmont, Milenio Television reporter from Mexico City, is in Juarez and asking for opportunity to visit Tornillo facility. OPA replied explaining vetting requirements and offered possible off site meeting. OPA also shared news release and photos of the facility. No feedback from reporter.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/21: Washington Examiner news editor Pete Kasperowitz contacted OPA regarding Tornillo facility. He was drilling down on volume of surge and facility did not appear to be equipped to handle and any plans for future locations. OPA responded using prepared Q&A responses. Story should run Tuesday. Neutral to negative tone anticipated.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/21: Televisa/Mexico journalist Alan Perez asked if prison/detention contractors GEO or CCA were contractor for the Tornillo facility. OPA researching but advised that the facility will be run and managed by CBP. OPA stressed that the facility is an extension of work traditionally done at POE's/BP stations and that this was not a detention center. Neutral to negative tone anticipated. No run date.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/21: RGV PAO will facilitate ride along with Fox News Channel Jeremy Pollard (Photog) and Stephanie Kovak (Producer) on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Will consist of still photography and B-roll of BP agents performing normal operations.

11/23 update: RGV PAO conducted ride along with Fox News Channel Jeremy Pollard (Photog) and Stephanie Kovak (Producer) on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Fox News was able to document, conduct stand ups and shoot B-roll of Border Patrol agents in McAllen AOR encounter a FMAU/UAC group of 35. In the Rio Grande City AOR the crew was able to document, conduct stand ups and shoot B-roll of agents encounter with a FMAU/UAC group of 63. BPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (RGV Comms) was mic'd up IOT explain the smugglers use of landings in Fronton area. He emphasized personnel, technology and infrastructure and how all were force multipliers in border security. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was able to conduct stand ups in front of over 2000 pounds of marijuana that had been seized by agents in the Rio Grande City AOR.

Date of Publication: 12-7-16 Tone: Positive

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) BPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/21: RGV PAO will facilitate ride along with KSAT reporter Bill Barajas. Topics will include jobs that the agents do on the ground, and what they do to secure the front lines, focus will also address current increase in FMAU/UAC apprehensions. Will occur October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Publication Date: TBD Expected Tone: Positive

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) BPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/17: Sandra Ramirez, KOAT-TV, conducted an interview with EPT on current USBP operations in west Texas and New Mexico.

EPT PAL discussed current measures being utilized to stem the current flow of UDA's into southern N.M. Report is anticipated

to be positive.

Leads: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), SOS PAL (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/16: Jean Guerrero, KPBS (Fronteras), [www.jeanguerrero.com](http://www.jeanguerrero.com) [www.kpbs.org](http://www.kpbs.org) is asking if there is any data available on the biometric testing at Otay Mesa. They are wishing to do a story on a promise made by President-elect Trump during his first 100 days to implement biometrics at all border crossings to catch

visa overstay. Request was routed to the CBP Entry/Exit Team, and it was determined that CBP is in the process finalizing the report, and will provide a response to her inquiry no sooner than December. (*once the report is completed*).

Leads: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/15: Grant Hodgson, Coleman-Raynor freelancers for the National Enquirer, requested a ride-along in Tucson Sector and stats (apps, budget) for operations. Story would also include the reporter working with AZ Border Recon, a vigilante group. Seeking OPA guidance.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/15: John Moore, with Getty Images, wants to shoot photos of Border Patrol enforcement activities in the Imperial Sand Dunes. A ride-along with Mr. Moore is currently scheduled for Nov. 17. Tone expected to be neutral.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), PIO (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/15: Dan Marries, KOLD TV, requested information on a cross-border vehicle incursion that occurred yesterday in the Douglas, Arizona area. (b) (7)(E). We are collecting information for a brief statement for the reporter.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/15: CBP PAO conducted AMO operational ride along with AP Photographer Eric Gay and Video Journalist John Mone. Flight was delayed due to fog. Journalists documented Border Patrol tracking, Air and Marine and Border Patrol collaboration and apprehension of two groups. Initial focus of story was press conference regarding 150 detailees being assigned to the Rio Grande Valley attended by Frank Bajak and Eric Gay. Secondary topics were AMO/BP operations, and current trends.

Expected run date: TBD, Expected tone: Positive

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/15: NBC News has requested a visit to the Rio Grande Valley for 11-16-16 to 11-18-16. They have requested a ride along, interview with Chief Padilla, a visit to the detention facilities (removed) and an AMO ride along. Crew will consist of Gabriel Gutierrez, David Douglas, Carlos Huazano, Callahan Moots. Focus will be on the current immigration influx.

Expected run date: TBD, Expected tone: Positive

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/15: Laredo Sector Border Patrol worked on several news stories with local NBC affiliate KGNS and KRGV in the Valley in regards to our Deer Blind Initiative. KGNS also worked on a special news piece on highlighting our BORSTAR unit and rescues. KRGV aired their news piece on Nov. 9, 2016 while the KGNS news piece will air today, November 15-16, 2016. The KGNS news piece on the Deer Blind Initiative will air on Monday, November 21, 2016. Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/15: Local Laredo Sector Border Patrol agents were honored by members of the Webb County Commissioners Court for their win and participation at the World Series Champions of the 2016 of the Police Softball World series held recently in Las Vegas, Nevada. They were presented certificates by members of the Webb County Commissioners Court. The champions were comprised of players from the Webb County Sheriff's Department, Laredo Sector of the Border Patrol and the San Antonio Police Department. Over 1,500 enforcement representatives from the USA and Canada competed. A special news story will be developed for CBPnet. Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/4: KOSA-TV Midland/Odessa producer Ernest Macias is interested in doing a story on OBP recruitment of female agents after receiving news release announcing Deputy Chief Carla Provost appointment. OPA working with HQ and Big Bend Sector to develop options. Reporter would like to move forward as quickly as possible. Neutral to positive tone anticipated.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/1: Harriet Sinclair with the International Business Times out of the UK requested an interview and photo taking opportunity near the border to gain an understanding of a BPA's roles and responsibilities and challenges securing the border. SDC has established and have been using, for foreign media, a neutral and public meeting place called Arnie's Point, outside our enforcement zone that provides an elevated view of a several mile section of our double fencing, RVSS camera towers, stadium lighting, all weather roads, and Tijuana, MX. Date not yet set.

11/21: SDC met with reporter on 11/17. She is interested to expand her story to include BORSTAR and SDC's Foreign Operation Branch. Due to pending holidays, no date has been set.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

10/31: Rolando Chacon, a Coahuila-based reporter for Reforma, Mural and El Norte newspapers, has asked if CBP could provide reports of when former Coahuila governor Humberto Moreira Valdes and Jose Manuel Muñoz Luévano, AKA "El Inge" both reportedly under U.S. federal investigation, traveled together to cross to the U.S. and who was traveling with them between 2006-2012. Coordinating with LFO CMO PAL and LFO mgmt. regarding approach to response. Initial recommended guidance, pending final LFO mgmt. concurrence, is to refer inquiry to CBP Media Relations inbox and determination can be made from there to refer to field where response can be provided indicating that Privacy Act precludes CBP from discussing the specifics of an individual's processing or confirming the entry of specific persons. Expected run date: TBD, Expected tone: negative.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

10/25: BBC radio news reporter Declan Harvey is looking for opportunity to meet with OBP/El Paso regarding current enforcement activity, work, etc. OBP currently considering request. Reporter understands that CBP will not discuss any political topics. Interview locations also being considered because crew are foreign and cannot clear vetting in time. Neutral tone anticipated.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

10/20: Atlanta-based CNN Correspondent Polo Sandoval, who covers the Southeast Region of the U.S., inquired to see if we are seeing a surge in Africans and Asians arriving at ports of entry in our area. Sandoval had indicated he had heard of Africans in the Tijuana area and that Africans and Asians were transiting Mexico on 20-day visas and arriving at U.S. southern land border ports of entry. He had heard the State of Tamaulipas may be a staging point. PAO (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) indicated he would look into it and get back to him and deferred inquiries regarding the San Diego-Tijuana area to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). Advised HQ OPA, LFO mgmt. and given the extreme sensitivity of the topic, recommended coordination between HQ OPA, CMO and OFO, specifically its recently stood up Migration Coordination Center regarding clearance of any statistical request. Expected run date: TBD, Expected tone: neutral to negative.

10/21 update: As of yet there is no clear interview, filming request from CNN, only a request for statistics to assess whether there is a surge of Africans, Asian credible fear applicants arriving at land border ports to determine whether to pursue a story. HQ OPA will rope in with OFO's Migration Coordination Center to obtain statistics of African, Asian inadmissibles by Field Office for FYTD 2016 through August compared to the same period in FY 2015.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

10/19: Request from (Acting) ICE Press Secretary Elzea for concurrence from CBP to allow WLS-TV (ABC-Chicago) to record b-roll of the transport and destruction of a shipment of 60 tons of Chinese honey falsely labeled as Vietnamese to avoid antidumping duties seized in April 2016 through collaborative efforts between HSI Chicago and CBP. The honey is believed to be stored at a CBP national seized property warehouse in Laredo, Texas. The forfeiture and destruction is expected in late November 2016. Request would include opportunity for interviews by HSI and CBP. Detroit PAO (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) provided background press materials, imagery. Coordinating with Laredo FP&F Officer, LFO mgmt., LFO CMO PAL regarding confirmation that the honey is stored in Laredo and concurrence, support of the request.



Expected tone: positive, Expected run date: TBD.

10/21 update: LFO mgmt. has given their tentative concurrence of the b-roll filming request of the honey transport and destruction contingent upon satisfying a list of six elements identified by Laredo FP&F Officer (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Chicago PAO (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) will handle Chicago FP&F elements, PAO (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) entered CMO tracker item. Laredo PAO/PAL will handle local vetting of news crew, concurrence from destruction site to allow filming.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

9/22: Sky TV News crew requesting opportunity to film CBP OFO inspections at the El Paso POE November 7. They also want to broadcast live from POE area November 8-9 during and after U.S. presidential election. DHS vetting/INA request submitted.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

#### **NORTHERN & COASTAL BORDER:**

12/1: Reporters Wanyee Li, Metro Vancouver; Daniel Victor, New York Times; and Robin Levinson-King, BBC inquired regarding Canadian photojournalist Ed Ou, who claims he was detained for six hours and had his cellphones searched by CBP officers at the Vancouver airport. He claims he was then denied entry to the U.S. The reporters were provided the following statement:

*"Due to the restrictions of the Privacy Act, Customs and Border Protection does not discuss individual travelers; however, all international travelers arriving to the U.S. are subject to CBP inspection. This inspection may include electronic devices such as computers, disks, drives, tapes, mobile phones and other communication devices, cameras, music and other media players and any other electronic or digital device.*

*Keeping America safe and enforcing our nation's laws in an increasingly digital world depends on our ability to lawfully examine all materials entering the U.S.*

*In Fiscal Year 2015, U.S. Customs and Border Protection processed more than 383 million U.S. arrivals and conducted 4,764 inspections of electronic media, including 4,444 cell phone inspections. This equates to .0012 percent of travelers undergoing an inspection of electronic media. Fiscal Year 2016 numbers are not available just yet.*

*U.S. Customs and Border Protection realizes the importance of international travel to the U.S. economy and we strive to process arriving travelers as efficiently and securely as possible while ensuring compliance with laws and regulations governing the international arrival process."*

*Any international traveler who seeks resolutions regarding difficulties they experience can use DHS Traveler Redress Inquiry Program [www.dhs.gov/dhs-trip\[dhs.gov](http://www.dhs.gov/dhs-trip[dhs.gov)*

*More information about CBP search authority is also available here: <https://www.cbp.gov/travel/cbp-search-authority>*

12/1: Simon Shaykhet a reporter for ABC Detroit WXYZ completed shooting a piece on the VirTra system in Detroit. Interview included the Port director (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and PAL (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). Simon will be promoting the story leading up to its air date on December 14<sup>th</sup> at 11pm. Simon who is the former PAO of the Detroit FBI Field Office is very pro law-enforcement and a huge proponent of CBP.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) / PAL (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/1: ICE/HSI in Minneapolis has reached out to OPA in Chicago to coordinate a joint TV story on IPR violations currently being caught in Minneapolis via DHL and mail shipments. Currently coordinating with the Chicago Field Office for approvals. Story would be part of a Holiday Story for the Minneapolis Markets.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/1: Following the Atlanta Field Office issuing the [local news release highlighting K-9 Beagles](#) at Port of Atlanta, [WSB-TV](#) requested follow-up covering the work of Agriculture Specialist On 11/30, reporter [Carl Willis](#) followed "Candie" through primary. PD (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) added SME interview that included "Know Before You Go". Air date TDB Tone: Positive



Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) PAL: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/28: Robert LeBlanc of Vice is looking to do a photo essay about a day in the life of a Havre Sector Border Patrol Agent. He wants to show the day-to-day life of the agents on the northern border. He feels that the media doesn't show a lot of what is going on up north. He is the brother of Havre Station BPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). Would like to take the photos between Dec. 26 and 30.

Leads: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Havre PAO (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/28: Video journalist Brittany Peterson with McClatchy newspapers reached out to the CBP media relations email on Nov. 22, requesting stats on the immigration influx on the southwest border. She is working on a documentary series on how America is already changing under the forthcoming Trump administration. She has heard numerous reports about an increased number of migrants crossing the US/Mexico border in recent days...a reaction possibly sparked from fear that Trump will quickly crack down on border crossings, and possibly build a wall. She was provided the link to the S-1 statement and the stats page: <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/stats/southwest-border-unaccompanied-children/fy-2017>. She reached out again to request numbers for November. Reporter was informed that November numbers are not available at this time, but should be posted to the previously sent link when they are available.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/25: Bryan Anderson, a reporter with the duopoly ABC/NBC affiliates in Fort Myers requested latest information on seizures of counterfeit hoverboards in Florida for story airing this afternoon on Black Friday. Provided [Hoverboard Enforcement Update](#) released this past summer along with information to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. May arrange an interview over the next few weeks if outlet would like to do a follow-up report.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/25: Jose Alberto Irizarry producer for the newscast of Puerto Rico Public Broadcasting (WIPM/WIPR Channels 6 and 3) is producing a piece on Illegal Immigration to Puerto Rico. He would like to interview a spokesperson from Border Patrol on the overall picture of this phenomenon in the island. He has 4 weeks to produce the piece. Ramey Border Patrol has approved the request. Date for interview and visit TBD.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/25: Jose Sanchez Fournier, reporter for El Nuevo Dia, writes for a Saturday Section called "Cronicas" in which they prepare a story behind the scenes of what certain professions do for a living on a day to day basis. He seeks to do a story with CBP agents and officers (AMO, BP and OFO) regarding their day to day work. Approval has been sought from all three operational components. Dates for embed and interviews to be determined. Story would run on a Saturday right after the visit.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/21: On 11/22 the CBS affiliate in Vermont (WCAX) will interview Border Patrol Agent (b) (6);(b) (7)(C) who found a hunter who had been missing in the Vermont woods for four days. Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)/BP PAL (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/18: TVA Canada reporter Jacob Cassidy is working on a story about two Canadian men charged with human smuggling as well as what happened to an Ecuadorian woman who entered the U.S. by illegally crossing the river in a rowboat. Deadline: November 21. Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)/ BP PAL (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/15: Keely Herrington, marketing coordinator for Louis Armstrong International Airport (MSY) reached out to New Orleans Field Office for leadership to join in the their show "Airport Alive." This local Government TV access production is picked up by Louisiana public TV markets also airs in the MSY airport. Today, APD (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) participated in the taped interview that was focused on the recent arrival of Global Entry Kiosks, our Global Entry Traveler program and the role of CBP at MSY airport. Air date

set for mid- December with MSY Airport program lasting through March 2017. Tone: Positive

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) OFO Pal (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

11/15: Bernardo Ruiz, a producer with HBO's VICE News Tonight is interested in doing a short feature story about the Northern Border to include an overview of the area's terrain and challenges especially in the winter. He is also interested in what training goes on in terms of emergency preparedness.

Timeframe is flexible but looking to film in December if possible.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

10/27: Phil Rogers a reporter with WMAQ NBC Chicago reached out to OPA in Detroit to inquire about doing a story about counterfeit Cubs/Indians merchandise coming through the International Mail Facility in Chicago. IMF currently is not seeing counterfeits coming through. As the World Series progresses we will monitor and re-engage with reporter if we start to see the merchandise being sent via the IMF. Story is being coordinated with HSI Chicago.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) / PAL (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

10/20: Reporter/historian Feliks Banel of KIRO radio in Seattle inquired regarding the history of the border between Canada and the U.S., particularly Washington state and British Columbia. CBP historians are looking into it and will provide information regarding the inquiry. Reporter wanted to do a taped interview Oct. 21, however, due to the complexity of the request it will be pushed back until the information can be compiled. Anticipated tone is positive to neutral.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

9/7: Guy Baillie-Grohman an assistant Producer with ntopia out of the United Kingdom reached out to OPA in Detroit to discuss a potential Crime Technology Series with CNN. Guy is reaching out to forensic units across the United States that have cracked difficult cases by utilizing new forensic techniques. This new show would chronicle the development of an investigation from crime scene to conviction, with each episode in the series telling the story of how a combination of dogged detective work and new forensic technology have worked together to secure a conviction in a complex case. Currently researching information for this. Producer stated they hope to start shooting this new series by November 2016.

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

## **NEWS RELEASES:**

12/1: Buffalo Field Office posted local news releases for Buffalo, Champlain, and Alexandria Bay, N.Y., on commercial truck online payment option. Lead: PAL (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/1: Buffalo Field Office posted local news release on arrest at Lewiston Bridge of previously-deported subject from Mexico. Lead: PAL (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/1: Del Rio Sector Border Patrol issued a [news release about the apprehension of a convicted murderer who entered the country after deportation](#). [Spanish version here](#).

Lead: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12/1: Tucson Sector issued a [news release](#) concerning the arrest of three sex offenders for crimes against children.

Leads: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (A) ACPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

## **CBP WRAP**

Respectfully submitted,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Director, Media Division

Office of Public Affairs  
U.S. Customs and Border Protection

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)





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February 28, 2019

CBP-2017-086576

Larry Schwartztol  
The Protect Democracy Project  
2020 Pennsylvania Ave NW, #163  
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Mr. Schwartztol:

As agreed to in *The Protect Democracy Project v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security, et al.*, Case No. 17-cv-2202, this is the final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), on behalf of The Protect Democracy Project, in which you are seeking records pertaining to unaffiliated border enforcement groups in the Tuscon Sector including: militia, Armed Patriot Group, Citizen Defenders, Citizen's Border Patrol, Patriots, Minutemen, Three Percent, Tim Foley, Shane Bauer, Rusty's Ranger, Arizona Border Recon, Arizona Militia, Mother Jones.

This production consists of 219 pages of records and two video files responsive to your request. CBP has determined that 29 pages are releasable in full and no exemptions have been applied, 36 pages and two video files will be withheld in full pursuant to Title 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), and (b)(7)(E), and 107 pages are partially releasable, pursuant to Title 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), and (b)(7)(E).

Uploaded to your FOIAonline account and attached to this email are 193 pages with certain information withheld as described below:

**FOIA Exemption (b)(6)** exempts from disclosure personnel or medical files and similar files the release of which would cause a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. This requires a balancing of the public's right to disclosure against the individual's right privacy. The types of documents and/or information that we have withheld may consist of birth certificates, naturalization certificates, driver license, social security numbers, home addresses, dates of birth, or various other documents and/or information belonging to a third party that are considered personal. The privacy interests of the individuals in the records you have requested outweigh any minimal public interest

in disclosure of the information. Any private interest you may have in that information does not factor into the aforementioned balancing test.

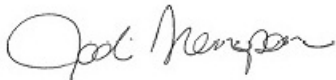
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This completes CBP's response to your request. If you have questions or concerns regarding this final response, you may contact Assistant United States Attorney Scott L. Sroka at (202) 252-7113 or email [Scott.Sroka@usdoj.gov](mailto:Scott.Sroka@usdoj.gov).

Please notate file number CBP-2017-086576 on any future correspondence to CBP related to this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jodi Drengson", written in a cursive style.

Jodi Drengson  
FOIA Analyst, FOIA Division  
Office of Diversity and Civil Rights

**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) on behalf of (b) (7)(E) -CBP  
**To:** JTF-W AZ (b) (7)(E) -SIR  
**Cc:** (b) (7)(E) -CBP  
**Subject:** Media Interest - TCA - (b) (7)(E)  
**Date:** Thursday, January 26, 2017 3:32:02 PM  
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On January 26, 2017, at approximately 1030 hours (MST), a (b) (7)(E) Station Border Patrol Agent (BPA) made contact with several members of the Arizona Border Recon Group who were recording their own activities near (b) (7)(E) AZ.

It is not known if the BPA was recorded or if the subjects were affiliated with any media outlet.

Tucson Sector Public Affairs Office was notified.

Appropriate notifications and documentation were completed.

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) on behalf of [SITROOM](#)  
**To:** [CBP SITROOM- REPORTS - CBP MORNING REPORT](#); [CBP SITROOM CBP LEADERSHIP](#)  
**Cc:** [SITROOM](#)  
**Subject:** Commissioner's Significant Incident Report for May 9, 2017  
**Date:** Monday, May 8, 2017 9:03:54 PM

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**U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION  
SITUATION ROOM COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

This is the Report for 5/09/2017

**San Ysidro/Otay Mesa**

Date of Incident: 5/7/2017

SIR Number: (b) (7)(E)

Location: San Ysidro, CA

Type of Incident: Media Interest /National

On May 8, 2017, CBP officers from the San Ysidro, California POE reported that on May 7, 2017, a meeting of a group called "Refugee Caravan 2017" cancelled their meeting at Friendship Park and instead held their meeting at a mall in Tijuana, Mexico. After the meeting, the group went to the San Ysidro, California POE where seventy eight people applied for asylum. Media attention is expected as the Mother Jones news organization has been following the group and reporting on its progress. No officers were interviewed and no statements were provided to media by officers.

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This week's **Unclassified** version #201 of the (b) (7)(E) OCONUS Area of Interest Report, for the reporting period **12 January 2017 - 18 January 2017**

I also pdf this report and send it our via a NIPR attachment, so if you would also like to receive this report in a pdf format please let me know.

The next Chief of (b) (7)(E) Bi-Weekly Classified OCONUS Brief, #016, should be published o/a 18 January 2017

Regards

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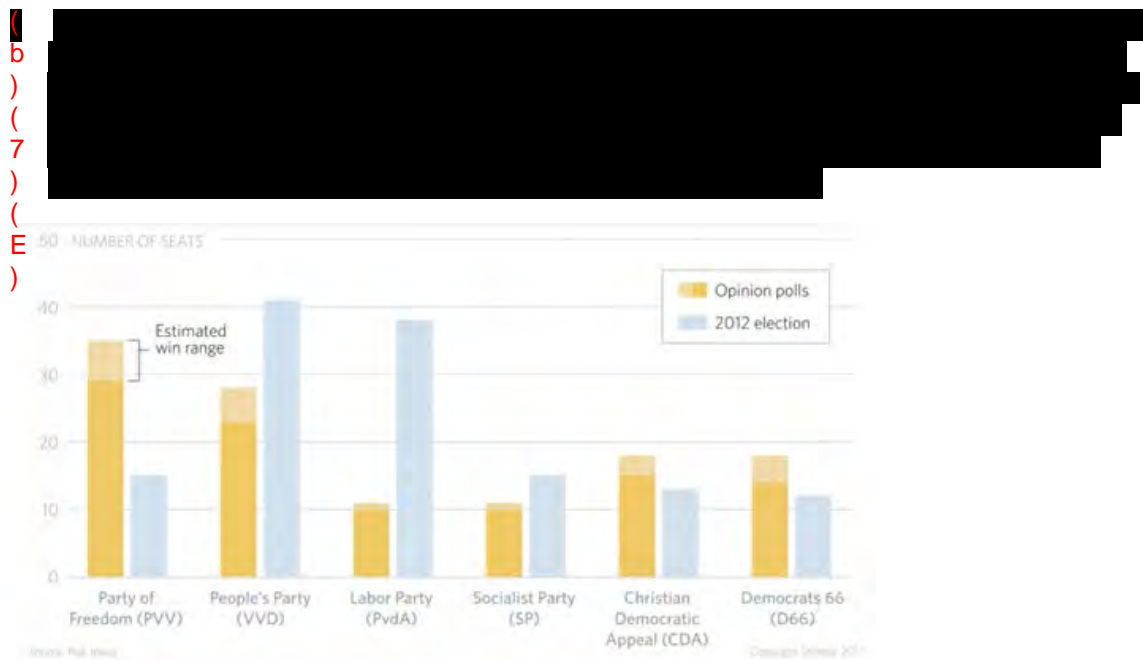
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**(U) Ukraine army and rebels say new truce in east disrupted**

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**UNITED STATES**

**(U) U.S. Cuba Immigration Changes**

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**(U) Change in Cuba Policy: How Will End to 'Wet Foot, Dry Foot' Policy Affect Human Smugglers?**

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**(U) FBI Most Wanted fugitive arrested in El Paso**

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## MEXICO AND THE CARIBBEAN

### **(U) Mexico Border and Terror: How big a threat?**

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- (U) Disagreement about training camps. There are also a number of unconfirmed reports of Muslim militants setting up training camps on the Mexican side of the border. (b) (6), runs a group called Arizona Border Recon in Sasabe, Ariz. The organization conducts armed, civilian patrols near the US-Mexico border. He says he has placed 12 motion-activated cameras near well-traveled smuggling trails leading from Mexico into the US.
- (U) Some images, he says, include photos of Afghans, Pakistanis, and Somalis moving north into the US after crossing the border. He adds that his contacts in Mexico tell him a group of 16 Muslim men are living in a compound about three miles south of Sasabe in Mexico. He suggests it is a training facility.
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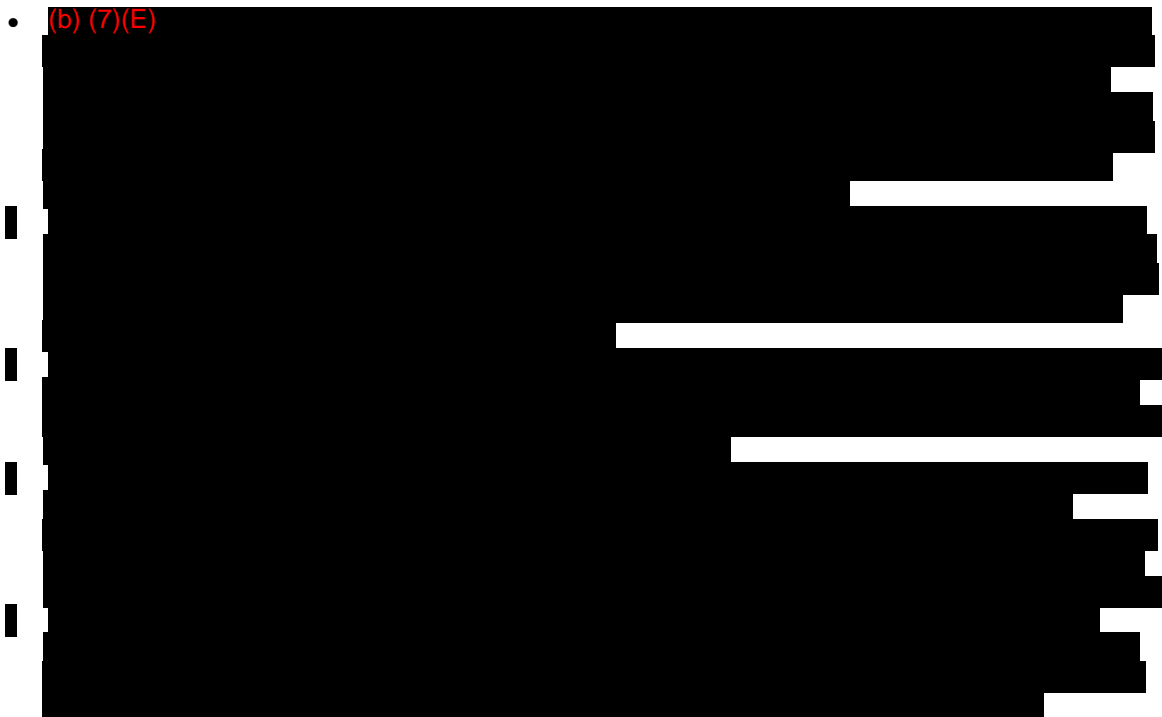
**(U) Mexico: Unfilled border tunnels in Mexico a security risk**

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**(U) Mexico: More Zetas Accusations Do Little to Slow Mexico Politician's Roll**

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CENTRAL AMERICA

(U) Americas: Drug Production and Consumption - Patterns and Performance

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(U) Guatemala: Possible Emerging Threats in 2017

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(U) Guatemala Judge Flees Country Fearing Own Judiciary Colleague

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**(U) Honduras: New Allegations Highlight Continuing Corruption in Honduras Police**

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**(U) Honduras: Corruption Takes Center Stage**

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**(U) El Salvador: War between Government and Gangs will Continue**

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**(U) El Salvador: MS13 Seeks Dialogue with the El Salvador Government**

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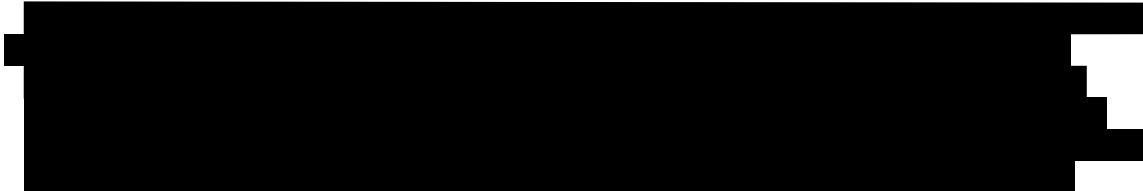


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**(U) Costa Rica: Preparing to become a Strategic Regional Partner**


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## **SOUTH AMERICA**

(U) Colombia: FARC and ELN shift to Crime

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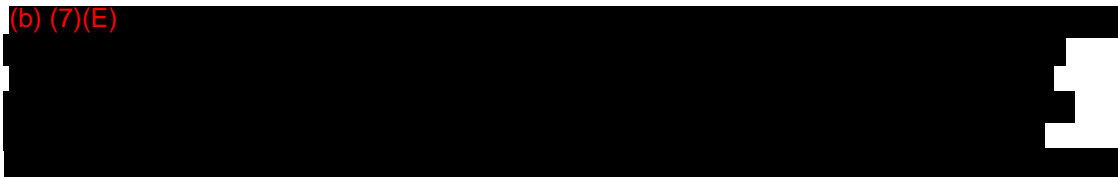
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(U) Colombia: Changes in Cocaine Trafficking Likely

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**(U) Venezuela: Collapse Almost Impossible to Stop**

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**(U) Peru- Brazil: Lucrative Cocaine Trade Fuels Gang Presence in Brazil's Amazon**

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## AFRICA

### **(U) Libya: Libyan Military Chief Visits Russian Aircraft Carrier**

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**(U) Mali: French Capture al Qaeda Leader**

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**(U) Burkina Faso: Terrorist Attackers linked to Syrian Phone**

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**(U) Burkina Faso: Australian Doctor Still captive of Al-Qai'da**

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(U) Ivory Coast's Ouattara names new government with few changes

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**HORN OF AFRICA**

(U) Kenya: Two al Shabaab suspects detained in Kenya for planning attacks

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**(U) Kenya: Update on Northern Wall**

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## ARABIAN PENINSULA

**(U) Saudi Arabia is Quickly Regaining Allies**

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**(U) Saudi Coalition Wrangling**

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## SYRIA – IRAQ

**(U) Syria: Update**

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(U) Iraq: Update

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**OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS**

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**To:** JTF-W AZ (b) (7)(E) (b) (7)(E) SIR  
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On November 17, 2016, at approximately 1410 hours (MST), a (b) (7)(E) Station Border Patrol Agent responded to a report of an illegal alien by an Arizona Border Recon member near (b) (7)(E), AZ.

The Arizona Border Recon member was being accompanied by a cameraman and news anchor from Univision.

The subject was determined to be a citizen of Mexico and will be processed per Tucson Sector guidelines.

Appropriate notifications and documentation was completed.

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
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**From:** Media Analyst (General)  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 20, 2018 5:15:48 AM (UTC-07:00) Arizona  
**To:** Media Analyst (General)  
**Subject:** Daily Media Summary - May 20, 2018

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## Daily Media Summary May 20, 2018

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- *Breitbart* reported Border Patrol agents arrested eight more Bangladeshi nationals trying to illegally cross the U.S.-Mexico border south of Laredo. According to U.S. BP agent Hector Garza, "Laredo is a prime target for these ruthless smugglers because of our sector's shortage of manpower and the lack of a physical barrier." According to *Breitbart*, agents have arrested more than 230 Bangladeshi nationals total, this fiscal year. This storyline was the second most shared URL and the second top retweet on Twitter.
- *KENS-TV* covered the Texas Border Volunteers, a group of armed volunteers who, "[work] hand-in-hand with... Border Patrol agents." The group's founder, Dr. Vickers stated the group, "[doesn't] capture anybody, we don't arrest anybody, we arrange for their capture," by contacting local BP agents. *KENS-TV* tried to ask acting Border Patrol Chief Carla Provost if collaborating with militia groups helped or hindered the agency's mission but was told it "was too local of a question for her to respond to."
- Coverage of Jason Davis, the BP agent charged with "receipt of material containing or constituting child pornography," sustained. Local outlet Illinois outlet Jacksonville-Journal Courier, local New Mexico outlets Artesia Daily Press and Santa Fe New Mexican reprinted an Associated Press article. Local New Mexico outlet KRQE-TV also reported on the storyline.

### TOP NEWS

#### 1. [Border Patrol Agents Bust 8 More Bangladeshis at Texas Border](#)

(Breitbart; 19.1M uvm) ... Bob Price

Laredo Sector Border Patrol agents arrested eight more Bangladeshi nationals after they illegally crossed the border in south Laredo. The arrests occurred in an area where agents arrested more than 230 Bangladeshis this fiscal year. "They are not trying to hide or escape," Laredo Sector Assistant Chief Patrol Agent Gabriel Acosta told Breitbart Texas in a phone interview. "They walk right up to an agent and claim 'credible fear.'" The Laredo Sector accounts for more than 60 percent of Bangladeshi nationals arrested along the entire southwest border with Mexico, Acosta explained. "They are paying more than \$25,000 to the smugglers to be transported through Mexico into Texas."... "Laredo is a prime target for these ruthless smugglers because of our sector's shortage of manpower and the lack of a physical barrier," U.S. Border Patrol Agent Hector Garza explained in an interview with Breitbart Texas on Thursday. "We have 170 miles of river border with Mexico. Not one mile of that border has a physical barrier. We are wide open for these drug and human smugglers."

## **2. Militia say they help Border Patrol catch immigrants in South Texas ranch lands**

(KENS-TV; 446k uvm; San Antonio, TX) ... Oscar Margain

**VIDEO:** About five miles north of the nearest Border Patrol checkpoint in Falfurrias, Texas, and 75 miles north of the border with Mexico, is the Vickers Ranch. It's a 1,000-acre property home to Dr. Mike Vickers, a local veterinarian. Dr. Vickers is one of the original founders of the Texas Border Volunteers, which broke off from the Texas Minutemen Militia about 13 years ago. The TVB is comprised of more than 300 citizen soldiers. About two dozen members meet once or twice a month at the Vickers Ranch to conduct what they call "border watches."... "We have agreements with the individual ranchers to go out to their private property, and with that comes responsibility on our part to do things correctly," Boles said. "We're not cops. We don't capture anybody, we don't arrest anybody, we arrange for their capture." These armed volunteers are organized in response to what they consider a lack of federal resources, to stem the flow of undocumented immigrants through their ranchlands... "Border Patrol does not have the resources to come out here and watch these trails, and that's what we do. We fill a void that they can't fill," Dr. Vickers said. "This has evolved over all these years, working hand-in-hand with these Border Patrol agents." We tried asking the acting Border Patrol Chief Carla Provost if collaborating with militia groups helps or hinders the agency's mission but were cut off and told it was too local of a question for her to respond to.

## **3. Border Patrol supervisor allegedly uploaded child porn**

(KRQE-TV; 441k uvm; Albuquerque, NM)

A Border Patrol supervisor in New Mexico has been arrested for child pornography. Jason Christopher Davis, a 45-year-old from Las Cruces was booked into jail Wednesday. According to a criminal complaint, officials caught Davis after he allegedly used an email to upload a video file containing child porn last month. Davis made his first appearance in federal court Friday.



**4. Border Patrol supervisor arrested in child porn case**  
(Associated Press)

U.S. prosecutors in New Mexico say a supervisory U.S. Border Patrol agent is being held in a federal child pornography case. The office says 45-year-old Jason Christopher Davis of Las Cruces made his first federal court appearance Friday on a criminal complaint charging him with receipt of material containing or constituting child pornography. Davis is in federal custody pending a preliminary hearing and detention hearing Wednesday. The public defender who has been appointed to represent him did not immediately respond to a request for comment. The criminal complaint says Davis is suspected of receiving child pornography in April. It says Las Cruces police executed a search warrant on an email account linked to Davis.

## NEWS INDEX

### BORDER SECURITY

*Along U.S. Borders*

**5. El Paso woman living in Montana detained by Border Patrol for speaking Spanish**  
(KVIA-TV; 532k uvm; El Paso, TX) ... Jerry Najera

In a video making the rounds on social media, a Border Patrol agent in the state of Montana detained an El Paso woman and her friend for speaking Spanish...The video that surfaced this week has many questioning his actions. It happened in the state of Montana and the woman who was detained was born in El Paso. "I needed some eggs and my friend needed some milk for her daughter and we decided to go there," Ana Suda said. Suda, who was born in El Paso and raised in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, says she and a friend were at a convenience store and about to pay for their items. "I was next in line when I heard my friend say something in Spanish and then I looked and it was this Border Patrol behind me," Suda said. Suda told ABC-7 the agent stopped them in their tracks. "He asked where I was born, so I looked at him and I said, 'Are you serious?' He's, like, 'Yes, I'm serious,' but, you know, with a very authoritative voice," Suda said.

**6. Dozens Arrive at Nogales Border to Seek Asylum**  
(Arizona Public Media; 31k uvm)

**VIDEO:** This week dozens of immigrants from Central America walked up to the Dennis DeConcini Port of Entry in Nogales and requested asylum. The men, women and children said they did not travel with an organized caravan. Kendal Blust, a reporter for the Nogales International, was among the first to report their stories. She told Lorraine Rivera what she learned about their reasons for seeking asylum and their plans after arriving at the border. In a statement to Arizona 360, Customs and Border Protection said the Department of Homeland Security does not "currently have

a policy of separating families at the border for deterrence purposes."

## TRADE

### **7. China Rejects U.S. Target for Narrowing Trade Gap**

(Wall Street Journal; 43.6M uvm) ... Bob Davis and Lingling Wei

A last-ditch effort by the Trump administration failed to get China to accept its demand for a \$200 billion cut in the U.S. bilateral trade deficit, as Chinese officials resisted committing to any specific targets after two days of contentious negotiations. The two days of deliberations in Washington ended with both sides arguing all night on Friday over what to say in a joint statement, people briefed on the matter said. The Chinese had come willing to step up purchases of U.S. merchandise as a measure to narrow China's \$375 billion trade advantage. But U.S. negotiators pushed the Chinese delegates to approve a specific target of \$200 billion in additional Chinese purchases. The Chinese refused any such target in specific dollar amounts, and the matter is now in the hands of President Donald Trump and President Xi Jinping, the people said. The two sides released a joint statement shortly after the Chinese delegation was scheduled to return home, but it made no reference to the specific purchasing amounts that the U.S. had wanted. "Both sides agreed on meaningful increases in United States agriculture and energy exports," the statement said, adding that "the delegations also discussed expanding trade in manufactured goods and services. There was consensus on the need to create favorable conditions to increase trade in these areas."

### **8. U.S. and China Tout Trade Talks as Success, but Leave the Details for Later**

(New York Times; 29.8M uvm) ... Ana Swanson

China will increase its purchase of American goods and services in order to reduce the multibillion-dollar trade imbalance with the United States, the two countries said in a joint statement Saturday. How much the imbalance will be reduced remains to be seen. Trump administration officials had said during negotiations this week that China was prepared to make up to \$200 billion in additional purchases. Notably absent from Saturday's announcement were any dollar figures — or a sense of the scale of the agreed-upon increases. The White House said that China had committed to buying more agriculture and energy exports, but noted that American officials would at some point go to China to work out the details of their agreement. "To meet the growing consumption needs of the Chinese people and the need for high-quality economic development, China will significantly increase purchases of United States goods and services," said the statement. "This will help support growth and employment in the United States."

### **9. Norpac blasts bill to pause tariffs on Canadian newsprint**

(The Daily News; 197k uvm; Longview, WA) ... Zack Hale

Ten U.S. senators have backed a bill that would pause border taxes on Canadian

newsprint imports enacted earlier this year at the request of the Norpac paper mill in Longview. Proponents of the bill argue it will offer a lifeline to the publishing industry, which has been hit by sharp increases in the cost of newsprint, a product Norpac manufactures. But opponents — including the CEO of the 350-employee Longview paper mill — say the bill would set a dangerous precedent for future investigations into allegations of unfair trade practices. The PRINT Act, introduced Monday by U.S. Sens. Susan Collins (R-Maine) and Angus King (I-Maine), would halt the collection of countervailing duties and antidumping duties on Canadian newsprint. At the same time, the bill would also direct the U.S. Department of Commerce to study the economic health of the printing and publishing industries. Uncoated groundwood paper — otherwise known as newsprint — is used by newspapers, book publishers and commercial printers.

## **WORKFORCE**

### **10. U.S. customs to hire dozens of officers as foreign travel surges at LAX**

(Los Angeles Times; 23.9M uvm) ... Hugo Martin

With international travel to Los Angeles continuing to grow, U.S. Customs and Border Protection is for the first time in 10 years accepting applications for dozens of new officers to work at Los Angeles International Airport. The number of customs officers working at LAX has diminished through normal attrition and those that remain are under increasing pressure to screen a surge in international travelers flying into LAX, said Claudia Canizalez, a representative for the agency. Under normal circumstances, she said, the federal agency hires new officers and assigns them primarily to work near the border in Texas, Arizona and Southern California. But now new job applicants can specifically request to fill one of several dozen openings at LAX, Canizalez said. "We need the help," she said of staffing at LAX. "We definitely need the help."

### **11. Border Patrol Agent Sentenced for Helping Smuggle Drugs**

(Breitbart; 19.1M uvm) ... Bob Price

A federal judge in Arizona sentenced a former Border Patrol to seven and a half years in prison for his role in helping smuggle marijuana into Arizona. The agent received bribes for assisting in the smuggling effort. The judge sentenced Alberto Michel, 41, to spend 90 months in prison after he and two other men agreed to smuggle drugs into the U.S. from Mexico last year, AZ Central reported. Agent Michel began serving in the Border Patrol in 2009. He admitted to investigators that he provided counter-surveillance during smuggling operations utilizing information he obtained as an Intelligence Unit agent, the Arizona news outlet reported. The former agents also passed along information to the smugglers about "law enforcement interdiction practices" and how to thwart those practices. In exchange for the intelligence information, the agents received about two payments of \$12,000 each, according to the plea agreement. This amounted to about \$40 per pound of the smuggled marijuana.

## OPINION

### **12. America's 150-Year Opioid Epidemic**

(New York Times; 29.8M uvm) ... Clinton Lawson

In researching opium addiction in late-19th-century America, I've come across countless stories like Henderson's. What is striking is how, aside from some Victorian-era moralizing, they feel so familiar to a 21st-century reader: Henderson developed an addiction at a vulnerable point in her life, found doctors who enabled it and then self-destructed. She was just one of thousands of Americans who lost their lives to addiction between the 1870s and the 1920s. The late-19th-century opiate epidemic was nearly identical to the one now spreading across the United States. Back then, doctors began to prescribe a profitable and effective drug — morphine, taken via hypodermic needle — too liberally. After a decade of overprescribing it for minor ailments and even for issues related to mental illness, a colony of American junkies began to emerge. Most started out like Ella Henderson, who suffered from emotional trauma and chronic pain, for which she was prescribed copious amounts of morphine. She became addicted, was abandoned by the medical community and judged by her neighbors, and ultimately overdosed alone in her room. Her case mirrors the thousands of fentanyl and heroin overdoses that led President Trump in October to declare opioid abuse a public health emergency... In the case of the opioid epidemic, history is literally repeating itself. Once again, too many Americans are dying of drug overdoses, and too many already vulnerable communities are being torn apart. Like our predecessors at the turn of the last century, we are asking what can be done to change the situation. Unlike them, we already know the answers. They solved the quandary for us.

### **13. California's illegal immigration fight is back, and so are the political pitfalls for Republicans**

(Los Angeles Times; 23.9M uvm) ... John Myers

Few topics have been as incendiary in California as illegal immigration, with intense arguments about whether those who cross borders are a reminder of the American dream or a sign of its demise. Those past debates — most visible during elections in 1994 and 2010 — may offer some insight into the issue's political rewards and risks. For starters, neither effort sprang from measurable public anger. In 1993, a Los Angeles Times poll found only 2% of voters surveyed cited immigration as the state's top problem. Jobs and the economy were more pressing, they said. Nor were things boiling over in late 2009, when 3% of respondents picked illegal immigration as the biggest problem in a poll by the Public Policy Institute of California. And yet Republican leaders of the time insisted otherwise... Fast forward to May 2016, just before the state's current debate, and a remarkably similar snapshot: Only 6% of likely voters in a PPIC poll saw illegal immigration as the biggest issue. Five times as many said it was jobs and the economy. More than a dozen California Republicans suggested otherwise when they sounded the alarm on illegal immigration last week with President Trump. "It is a crisis — that's the point we're at in California," Assemblywoman Melissa Melendez (R-Lake Elsinore) said at a White House

meeting, with Trump sitting next to her and nodding in agreement. Statistics from U.S. Customs and Border Protection suggest otherwise. When comparing the past seven months to the same time period in 2017, there's been no growth in the total number of adults and families detained along California's portion of the border. The only growth — and it's been sizable — is in the number of unaccompanied children crossing.

#### **14. Abandoning NAFTA would be catastrophic for state economies**

(The Hill; 11.9M uvm; Washington, D.C.) ... Karla Jones

The economic future of the United States, especially as it relates to free and open trade with our two biggest trading partners, Canada and Mexico, depends in large part on the outcome of the Trump administration's renegotiation of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). That is why 13 state lawmakers from across the country have written a letter urging the president to reinforce America's commitment to this highly beneficial trade agreement. There can be no doubt that NAFTA has benefitted the national economy in the 24 years since its adoption. NAFTA has generated greater economic activity by American businesses and has reduced the prices that Americans pay for the goods that they buy every day... States have been major beneficiaries, too, with Canada and Mexico ranking among the top three trading partners for all but one of the 50 states. The crucial role that NAFTA has played in linking American businesses of all sizes with new markets is just one reason state lawmakers are vocally supporting the preservation of the agreement.

### **IMMIGRATION**

#### **15. Ann Coulter on the status of Trump's immigration agenda**

(FOX News; 32.5M uvm)

**VIDEO:** Media distort President Trump's 'animal' comment in reference to MS-13. Columnist sounds off.

#### **16. Parents, children ensnared in 'zero-tolerance' border prosecutions**

(Arizona Daily Star; 431k uvm; Tucson, AZ) ... Curt Prendergast and Perla Trevizo

Alma Jacinto covered her eyes with her hands as tears streamed down her cheeks. The 36-year-old from Guatemala was led out of the federal courtroom without an answer to the question that brought her to tears: When would she see her boys again? Jacinto wore a yellow bracelet on her left wrist, which defense lawyers said identifies parents who are arrested with their children and prosecuted in Operation Streamline, a fast-track program for illegal border crossers... Parents who cross the border illegally with their children may face criminal charges as federal prosecutors in Tucson follow through on a recent directive from Attorney General Jeff Sessions to prosecute all valid cases, said U.S. Attorney's Office spokesman Cosme Lopez. U.S. Customs and Border Protection started referring families caught crossing illegally for prosecution several weeks ago, Lopez said. Those prosecutions unfold both in Streamline cases and through individual prosecutions.

## DHS NEWS

### **17. Donald Trump's border chief Kirstjen Nielsen risks axe over lack of wall**

(The Sunday Times; United Kingdom) ... Toby Harnden

Under fire from the right for his failure to curb illegal immigration and to build a wall on the Mexican border, President Donald Trump is poised to sack his homeland security chief, according to Republican sources. Kirstjen Nielsen was appointed to lead the department in charge of immigration enforcement just five months ago, but has struggled to manage the sprawling agency and has come to be viewed with intense suspicion by Trump, the sources say. At a cabinet meeting this month, he is said to have thundered at Nielsen: "Why don't you have solutions? How is this still happening? We need to shut it down. We're closed." Trump is furious that illegal immigration has risen this year. He outraged pro-immigration activists last week by saying...

## OF INTEREST

### **18. Mexican presidential candidate vows to fire back at Trump's 'offensive' tweets**

(The Hill; 11.9M uvm; Washington, D.C.) ... Morgan Gstalter

A leading candidate in Mexico's presidential race vowed to fire back at President Trump if he continues to insult Mexico on Twitter, Yahoo News reported. "If he makes an offensive tweet, I'm going to take responsibility for answering him," Andrés Manuel López Obrador said Friday. Trump has regularly attacked Mexico in speeches and on Twitter since he launched his presidential campaign in 2015. López Obrador, the former mayor of Mexico City, said Trump needs to respect Mexican people. "I think (Trump) is going to understand he has to get himself under control, that he can't go around offending the Mexican people. We don't want confrontations with him, but we are going to ask him to respect us," he said during a campaign rally.

### **19. Is the term 'tonc' an acronym or a derogatory term for migrants?**

(Arizona Republic; 10.8M uvm; Phoenix, AZ) ... Daniel González and Rafael Carranza

"Toncs in the barn." A Border Patrol agent texted that message on Jan. 17, moments before agents, assisted by Pima County sheriff's deputies, swarmed a building in Ajo known as "the Barn" in southwestern Arizona... The term "tonc" is not a well-known, but the text suggest the term is routinely used by Border Patrol agents. But what does "tonc" mean? Is it simply an acronym, as some say? Or is it a derogatory slur used by Border Patrol agents to refer negatively to immigrants in the country illegally? It's unclear whether the term "tonc" — which sometimes is also spelled "tonk" — is an official acronym or a derogatory slur for undocumented immigrants... "It is used to describe an individual who has not yet been intensively interviewed by the Border



Patrol to determine his or her country of origin. ... Let me be very clear: 'Tonk' is not a term or racial derision; it is a temporary geographic description." a self-described retired Border Patrol agent who blogs anonymously under the name "Agent Nowhere Man," who says the term "Tonk" is an acronym that stands for "Territory of Origin Not Known." Border Patrol agent Chris Sullivan, a spokesman for the Border Patrol's Tucson Sector, which includes Ajo, said the agency could not comment because the term is part of an ongoing court case... Another person who identified himself as a Border Patrol agent on the online forum Reddit said the term is commonly used, after a reader asked if he ever uses the word "tonk." "It's a common term. And really it's 'tonc' and it originated from the acronym Temporarily Outside Native Country. In response to another question, however, the agent gives a different answer. "Read an article online saying border patrol agents nickname illegals 'tonks' because 'that's the sound a maglite flashlight makes when it (hits) the back of their head.' How accurate is this?" the agent is asked... The agent responds, "we don't carry the big maglites anymore, now we carry smaller 'Stingers' ... not tonks anymore, now they're 'tinks'."

## SOCIAL MEDIA ANALYSIS

### Overall

- Social Media increased by 7%, up to 4,106 total posts. Twitter comprised 89% of total posts.
- The top shared URL (774 shares) linked to a May 15 *CNN* article, "Border Patrol failed to count hundreds of migrant deaths on US soil."
- The second top shared URL (303 shares) linked to the *Breitbart* article, "Border Patrol Agents Bust 8 More Bangladeshis at Texas Border."

### Twitter

- @kylegriffin1 posted a link to the May 15 *CNN* article, "Border Patrol failed to count hundreds of migrant deaths on US soil." The post was the top tweet, with 911 retweets, 923 likes, and 23 replies.
- @THETXEMBASSY posted a link to the *Breitbart* article, "Border Patrol Agents Bust 8 More Bangladeshis at Texas Border." The post was the second top tweet, with 113 retweets, 97 likes, and 3 replies.

## Other Platforms

- INSTAGRAM: Instagram post by user k9graf (1,182 followers), a BP K9, “standing guard,” at a wire fence. The post mentioned the white Winnebago in the background and referenced the tv series “Breaking Bad.” The post garnered 171 likes.

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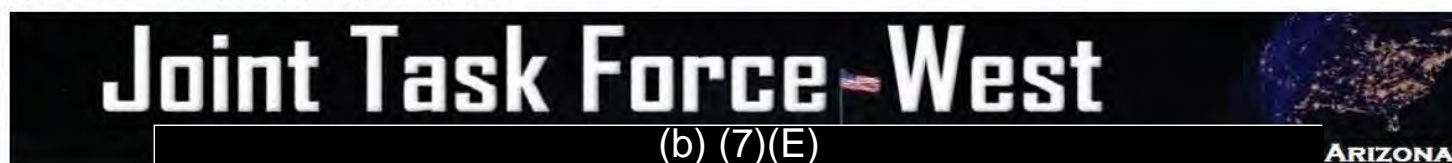
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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- *The Hill* reported President Trump's comment, "We may have to close up our country to get this straight." He added, "You can't allow people to pour into our country like they're doing... If we don't have borders, you don't have a country." *ABC News*, *Business Insider*, and *Newsmax* also covered this storyline.
- *Los Angeles Times* reported volunteers who hoped to help "outnumbered border officers," assembled Saturday morning for a border-watching exercise near Jamul. Known as "Minutemen," the volunteers "[pledged] to report unauthorized entries into the United States." The article noted volunteers were told to avoid confrontations with border-crossers if possible and to "help those in distress." Minutemen leader Tim Donnelly said, "there is no animus" towards those who cross the border fleeing oppression, however he noted among those people are "wolves...who mean harm." Local California outlets *San Diego-Union Tribune*, *Ventura County Star*, and *KTLA-TV* also covered this storyline.
- *CNN* reported Olga George, a Central American woman who was apprehended by Border patrol agents, "[alleged] that Attorney General Jeff Sessions discriminated against her." According to George, 17 foreign nationals were apprehended by BP agents, however charges were pressed only for the Central American nationals apprehended, not the Indian nationals. George's lawyers said the evidence that she was targeted based on her nationality is "plain, given the overwhelming focus by the President and the attorney general on deterring and punishing people from Central America who formed a part of the caravan."
- Reporting on the decision to end TPS for Hondurans in the U.S. sustained. *CNN* reported "nearly 90,000" Hondurans could be forced to leave the U.S. within

the next 18 months. The article noted critics called the decision “abhorrent” (Rep. Michelle Lujan Grisham), and “inhumane” (Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart). Rep. Diaz-Balart added, “I strongly urge the Administration to reconsider this decision.”

## TOP NEWS

### **1. Trump on US border control: 'We may have to close up our country'**

(The Hill; 11.9M uvm; Washington, D.C.) ... Josh Delk

President Trump lambasted U.S. immigration policies Saturday, stating that the U.S. may have to "close up" its borders. Speaking at a business roundtable in Cleveland, Trump acknowledged that officials are working to repair certain areas of the nation's border controls, but said the U.S. needs "much more money." "We may have to close up our country to get this straight," he said, but did not offer more details on the logistics. "You can't allow people to pour into our country like they're doing," Trump went on. "If we don't have borders, you don't have a country," he said, chiding Democrats for "open border" policies.

### **2. President Trump suggests government shutdown to get border wall**

(ABC News; 24.1M uvm) ... Jordyn Phelps

President Trump railed against the nation's immigration laws and suggested Saturday that a government shutdown may be necessary to secure his long-promised border wall along the U.S.-Mexico border. "We're going to get the wall, even if we have to think about closing up the country for a little while," Trump said during an event billed as a tax reform roundtable in Cleveland. "We're going to get the wall. We have no choice." The president has previously threatened a shutdown over the border wall issue, floating the idea as recently as a week ago. He expressed disappointment specifically with Mexico over the so-called "caravan" of migrants seeking asylum in the U.S. "I really thought they'd be much better to us and tougher on the caravan. Didn't work out that way," the president said. "They allow these people to come up through Mexico and come into our country."

### **3. Gathering aims to relaunch Minuteman project, fortify border, in response to Central American caravan**

(Los Angeles Times; 23.9M uvm) ... Bradley J. Fikes

Pledging to report unauthorized entries into the United States — and shame any state leaders who welcome them — about 20 border security supporters assembled Saturday morning near Jamul. The group, including members of the Minuteman patrol movement, coordinated volunteers to watch over designated border regions for 24 hours... By reporting unauthorized border crossings, the observers hope to help outnumbered border officers, Minutemen leader Tim Donnelly said..."There is no animus toward those who are crossing desperate, you know, to escape oppression," Donnelly said. "But at the same time, among those people come through wolves, people who mean harm people like Luis Bracamontes, who was just recently sentenced to death here in California for executing two sheriff's deputies up in

Sacramento."

#### **4. Woman in possible 'caravan' case accuses Sessions of discrimination**

(CNN; 29.7M uvm) ... Tal Kopan

**VIDEO:** She was one of 18 migrants caught 50 yards north of the US-Mexico border, traveling with four young children. A Honduran, she was also one of six charged with federal crimes from the group -- all Central Americans. Now, separated from her children, she is firing back, alleging that Attorney General Jeff Sessions discriminated against her in singling them out... George and the 17 other foreign nationals were apprehended last week by the Border Patrol in an area known as Goat Canyon, about four miles west of the San Ysidro Port of Entry, where more than 200 of the "caravan" migrants have been processed for asylum... According to the motion from her attorneys, the group apprehended by Border Patrol agents included three Indian nationals, but only the Central American nationals were charged... George's lawyers point to the President's remarks, saying the evidence that she was targeted based on her nationality is "plain, given the overwhelming focus by the President and the attorney general on deterring and punishing people from Central America who formed a part of the caravan."

#### **5. DHS ends protections for nearly 90,000 Central Americans**

(CNN; 29.7M uvm) ... Tal Kopan

**VIDEO:** Nearly 90,000 Hondurans who have lived in the US at least two decades could be forced to leave the country after the Trump administration decided Friday to end protections for the immigrants that go back to the 1990s... The Homeland Security Department's announcement Friday ends the temporary protected status designation for Honduras that was put in place after Hurricane Mitch struck in 1998... Critics have accused the administration of pre-deciding to end the status regardless of the dangerous conditions that persist in the home countries and in some cases over the objections of those countries' governments... "The Trump Administration's decision to terminate TPS" for tens of thousands of Hondurans "is abhorrent," said Congressional Hispanic Caucus Chairwoman Rep. Michelle Lujan Grisham, a New Mexico Democrat... Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart said, "... forcing these individuals back would be dangerous and inhumane...I strongly urge the Administration to reconsider this decision."

## **NEWS INDEX**

### **BORDER SECURITY**

*Along U.S. Borders*

#### **6. 'A Circus at the Border': Malkin Rips 'Questionable' Asylum Claims From Migrant Caravan**

(FOX News; 32.5M uvm)

**VIDEO:** CRTV host Michelle Malkin ripped what she called "questionable" asylum



claims by immigrants within the caravan that arrived at the U.S.-Mexico border last week. The final group of migrants that arrived in Tijuana, Mexico, has crossed into California. "This was a concerted effort to make a circus at the border," Malkin said on "Fox & Friends." Malkin explained that most of the migrants traveling in the caravan were offered asylum in Mexico but refused. "What are they doing here?" Malkin asked. "It is for economic reasons that most of these migrants are trying to flout the border." "They're being exploited by an open-borders lobby that has a special interest in making sure that we can't control our borders," she added.

#### **7. Border Patrol Agents Arrest 15 more Bangladeshi Nationals in South Texas**

(Breitbart; 19.1M uvm) ... Bob Price

Border Patrol agents in the Laredo Sector arrested an additional 15 Bangladeshi nationals this week. This brings the total number of Bangladeshi nationals arrested in the Laredo Sector this year to 224. Border Patrol officials attending the National Rifle Association Annual Meeting in Dallas told Breitbart Texas on Friday that the Laredo Sector alone as arrested more than 60 percent of all of the Bangladeshi nationals arrested along the southwest U.S. border with Mexico. So far this year, more than 360 Bangladeshi nationals have been arrested for illegal entry. "When we talk about the different groups that are crossing into an area, what we're trying to draw attention to is a more comprehensive look at our threat picture," Acting Chief Patrol Agent Jason D. Owens told Breitbart Texas during a recent interview... Breitbart Texas spoke with several officials from the Laredo Sector at the NRA Annual Meeting in Dallas, Texas, on Friday. From frontline agents to the sector chief, the Border Patrol agents expressed concern about the increasing numbers of Bangladeshi nationals crossing the border... The illegal crossings by these foreign nationals proves-up a point that Border Patrol agents have been telling Breitbart Texas for years. That being that there is a direct pipeline from countries with connections to terrorism to South American and then north where drug cartels are paid large sums of cash to smuggle them across the border. Chief Owens told Breitbart Texas that all of the Bangladeshi nationals are men — mostly between the ages of 18-35.

#### **8. Border patrol saves 'innocent life' from an especially deadly Rio Grande**

(Dallas Morning News; 9.3M uvm; Dallas, TX) ... Matt Peterson

Border patrol agents helped rescue a Mexican citizen from the Rio Grande, swollen to five times its usual depth. The man was swimming or fishing on the Mexico side of the border Thursday when he was trapped in high water and couldn't get back to the shore. "A necessary release of water by the International Boundary and Water Commission at Amistad Dam resulted in a much higher and even more dangerous river in recent weeks," Chief Patrol Agent Felix Chavez said. Alerted to the emergency by a Mexican relief organization, a rescue team from the Del Rio Sector that Chavez leads were dispatched to rescue the man. Border agents found him clutching carrizo cane vegetation to stop from being swept downstream by the strong current. They threw him a lifeline and pulled him to safety on the U.S. side of the border. "Thanks to the partnerships we maintain with our Mexican counterparts and

the fast action of our agents, an innocent life was saved," Chavez said.

**9. Gathering aims to relaunch Minutemen, fortify border, in response to caravan**

(San Diego Union-Tribune; 493k uvm; San Diego, CA) ... Bradley J. Fikes

**VIDEO:** Pledging to report unauthorized entries into the United States — and shame any state leaders who welcome them — about 20 border security supporters assembled Saturday morning near Jamul. The group, including members of the Minuteman patrol movement, coordinated volunteers to watch designated border regions for 24 hours... The border-watching exercise was in part a reaction to the caravan of Central Americans who traveled through Mexico to enter the U.S. at the border between San Diego and Tijuana, said Minutemen leader Tim Donnelly, a former assemblyman... "My hope is that we will reignite the (Minuteman) movement and that people will again be aiding (border agents) for longer periods of time, longer musters," Donnelly said... Volunteers were told to avoid confrontations with border crossers if possible, and to help those in distress.

**10. Guard troops return to Arizona-Mexico border, but military's presence is not new**

(Arizona Daily Star; 431k uvm; Tucson, AZ) ... Curt Prendergast

Months before the Trump administration called for Guardsmen to be sent to the U.S.-Mexico border, an Arizona Air National Guard plane flew toward a suspected mountainside cartel scout site on the Tohono O'odham Reservation. The suspected scouts fled as the plane and a U.S. Customs and Border Protection helicopter approached, allowing Border Patrol agents to make two arrests, according to a criminal complaint filed in December in U.S. District Court in Tucson. While large-scale deployments of the National Guard to the border in 2006, 2010, and 2018 periodically spark discussions of the military's role on the border, federal court records and state reports show the Arizona National Guard has played a quiet role in border enforcement for nearly three decades.

*Ports of Entry*

**11. Boston CBP Officers Arrest Fugitives Attempting to Flee the U.S.**

(Imperial Valley News; Yuma, AZ)

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Officers assigned to Boston Logan International Airport arrested two passengers with active warrants for Financial Card Forgery and Conspiracy to Commit Obtaining Property by False Pretense, attempting to board an outbound flight. On Friday, April 27 two Citizens of Romania, Mr. Lucian Giurgiuveanu, 37-years-old, and Mr. Catalin Puscasu, 35-years-old, were scheduled to depart from Boston Logan Airport to Portugal. CBP Officers confirmed Giurgiuveanu and Puscasu were exact matches to active National Crime Information Center (NCIC) arrest warrants, with full extradition out of Ashville, North Carolina, for financial and property crimes. In addition to the warrants, Giurgiuveanu and Puscasu



also failed to declare currency on a previous outbound departure attempt which resulted in a seizure of nearly \$32,000. CBP Officers intercepted and arrested the subjects as they attempted to board their flight. Working in conjunction with Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), the Ashville Police Department, and the Massachusetts State Police (MSP), the subjects were taken into custody and will be extradited to North Carolina to face charges. "Our vigilant and highly trained CBP Officers are adept at stopping fugitives entering and attempting to depart the United States," said CBP Boston Area Port Director Clint Lamm. "CBP works closely with our law enforcement partners to intercept these wanted individuals, and ensure they face their criminal charges."

## **TRADE**

### **12. German minister calls for new EU trade deal with U.S**

(Reuters; 43.6M uvm)

German Economy Minister Peter Altmaier has called for a new European Union trade deal with the United States that would focus on the industrial sector and result in an overall reduction in tariffs. German Economic Minister Peter Altmaier leaves after delivering a statement regarding the Trump Administration's steel and aluminium tariffs, outside of the White House in Washington, U.S., March 19, 2018. Altmaier told the Frankfurter Allgemeine Sonntagszeitung that a stalled comprehensive U.S.-European trade deal known as the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) had "proved to be unrealizable", but added: "We should talk about doing something new, such as an understanding concerning selected industrial products."... But some countries are resisting. France, the other half of the motor driving European integration, resents Germany's big trade surplus and wants a tougher EU stance against the U.S. tariffs. "I strongly warn against recklessly sliding into a spiral of isolation," Altmaier said. "I strongly argue for an agreement with the United States."

### **13. US firms, debt could be China's targets if US plays hardball**

(ABC News; 24.1M uvm) ... Joe McDonald

**VIDEO:** In a looming trade war between the world's two largest economies, American companies in China may have a bull's-eye on their backs. The Trump administration is pushing China to cut its trade surplus with the United States by \$200 billion by the end of 2020 and give up policies that favor domestic companies — the core of Beijing's state-led economic model. As the two sides exchange threats of tariff hikes, their lopsided trade balance means China will run out of imports for retaliation before President Donald Trump does. But Beijing has other ways to inflict pain. Chief among those is harassing American companies that make autos, operate restaurant chains, sell computer software and do other business in China's heavily regulated economy. Other possible options include selling U.S. government debt or disrupting diplomatic efforts over North Korea, but those would damage Beijing's own interests. Trump has threatened higher tariffs on \$150 billion of Chinese goods in response to complaints Beijing violates its free-trade commitments by stealing or pressuring foreign companies to hand over technology. Beijing reacted to his first round with a \$50

billion list including American aircraft, soybeans and pork for possible retaliation. If it raises that to match Trump's total, that would be nearly equal to China's 2017 imports of U.S. goods. The Commerce Ministry has warned that no option is off the table.

#### **14. U.S. issues preliminary antidumping duties on S. Korean PET imports** (Yonhap News Agency; Seoul, Korea)

The U.S. Department of Commerce issued affirmative preliminary antidumping duty actions on polyethylene terephthalate (PET) resin imports from five countries, including South Korea, its website picked up in Seoul on Wednesday showed. The U.S. government determined that exporters, such as South Korea, Brazil, Indonesia, Pakistan, and Taiwan, have sold PET resin "at less than fair value," forcing it to set preliminary tariff rates ranging from 8.81-226.91 percent. The department set duty rates of 8.81 percent and 101.41 percent on products by SK Chemical Co. and Lotte Chemical Co., respectively. The U.S. imported \$24 million worth of PET resin from South Korea in 2016 and the amount jumped to about \$60 million in the first half of 2017, according to the commerce department. The U.S. government is scheduled to make known its final verdict on its investigations in September, it noted.

## **TRAVEL**

#### **15. Five Reasons Your Global Entry Can Be Revoked** (Points Guy; 8.7M uvm) ... Melanie Lieberman

Upon returning from a recent trip, I decided to try Global Entry enrollment on arrival. After a brief interview, the border patrol agent approved me for the trusted traveler program — and launched into a litany of ways my newly-earned status could be revoked. Among them? Improperly declaring produce — even accidentally... "Global Entry members are low-risk international travelers who have met all of the eligibility requirements for membership," a public affairs specialist from US Customs and Border Protection told The Points Guy. "If at any time they no longer meet the eligibility requirements, their membership will be revoked."... "A member who has had their membership revoked can reapply," the CBP representative confirmed.

## **WORKFORCE**

#### **16. A changing of the border guard** (The Week; 3.5M uvm) ... Brittny Mejia

Piled into a white van driving along the U.S.-Mexico border, the young men and one woman beheld the wall and weighed just how easily it could be conquered. Isaac Antonio did not seem impressed. "That's easily climbable," the 20-year-old declared. Their chaperone, a Border Patrol agent, called out from behind the wheel: "Good luck, bro! I'm sure you can, but good luck." As debate swirled, Antonio described ways that the 30-foot-high wall could be defeated, which prompted the lone woman to finally ask in faux suspicion: "Are you from Mexico?" Most of the nearly dozen participants in the

El Centro Sector Border Patrol citizens' academy were, in fact, of Mexican descent. And the mood was light as they learned about an agency they one day hope to join. President Trump has called for hiring 5,000 more Border Patrol agents as part of his war on illegal immigration. If that happens, the academy in this Imperial Valley, California, town last month offered a snapshot of many of those likely to apply: Latinos.

**17. Ever wonder what border patrol agents do? Join the Citizens Academy**

(Buffalo News; 1.5M uvm; Buffalo, NY) ... Teresa Sharp

For those living along an international border, as we do in Niagara and Erie counties, the U.S. Border Patrol is a common sight: agents in khaki green uniforms, driving white SUVs emblazoned with bright green lettering. But what, precisely, is their role? What legal authority do they have and how do they carry out their daily operations in securing the border? These are some of the topics that will be covered when the Niagara Falls Border Patrol Station hosts its free Citizens Academy in Niagara Falls this summer. The two sessions will be offered from 6 to 9 p.m. every Thursday, with the first session from June 14 to July 19 and the second offered Aug. 23 to Sept. 6. Outreach programs such as the Citizens Academy seeks to promote cooperation, collaboration and understanding with border residents, Border Patrol officials say. "A lot of people coming into this really have no idea what we do," said Kevin Radke, supervisory agent for the Niagara Falls Station Border Patrol. "At the Citizens Academy, we give a history of the Border Patrol, talk about the legal authority we have, give tours on our boats and of our stations, bring in an agent who is a canine handler, and show our 'use of force training,' using our training simulator," he said.

**18. Local author returns home after controversial book tour**

(Arizona Sonora News; 14k uvm) ... Maritza Cruz

Writer. Professor. Fulbright Fellow. Former Border Patrol agent. Francisco Cantú is all of these things. Though, the title that gets him the most attention is the last one. Cantú, 32, author of "The Line Becomes a River," sits outside the Starbucks on University Boulevard. The wind rocks the umbrella blocking the tense Tucson sun. It's good to be back home. From his thesis project to nationwide phenomenon, Cantú's book has reached audiences far and wide. He's just returned from a book tour overseas in the United Kingdom. Though, the journey hasn't been without bumps.

**19. Love LA? Stay in LA! CBP is now accepting Applications for Officer Positions in Los Angeles directly**

(Imperial Valley News; Yuma, AZ)

For the first time in over a decade, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is now accepting applications for the Los Angeles area directly. This is a rare opportunity for the people of Los Angeles and its neighboring counties to apply for a CBP officer position and stay in the area. "CBP officers have exciting careers enforcing laws that protect the United States. Joining our ranks could mark the beginning of a well-paid, meaningful and rewarding career in federal law enforcement and an opportunity to

make a positive impact in our local communities,” said Carlos C. Martel, CBP Director of Field Operations in Los Angeles. CBP employees protect our Nation's borders from terrorism, human and drug smuggling, illegal migration, and agricultural pests while simultaneously facilitating the flow of legitimate travel and trade.

## **OPIOID EPIDEMIC**

### **20. Opioid vs. Crack: Congress Reconsiders Its Approach to Drug Epidemic**

(Wall Street Journal; 43.6M uvm) ... Kristina Peterson and Stephanie Armour

In the 1980s, Congress passed a series of laws that aimed to counter the widespread use of crack cocaine with tougher sentencing guidelines. Three decades later, lawmakers are once again considering legislation aimed at curbing a drug crisis: opioid abuse. This time, the emphasis is on funding research into a public-health crisis and enabling states to deal with its consequences. Lawmakers and experts haven't reached a consensus on why the federal government's response to opioids is so different from the crack epidemic that preceded it. Nor has the dynamic entirely changed on Capitol Hill. Although there is nearly universal support for a robust response to opioid abuse, a bipartisan push to revise the sentencing guidelines set during the crack era faces a more uncertain legislative future. To some, the current approach to combating opioids demonstrates a broader shift in societal attitudes toward drugs. They see a change in public sentiment toward addiction that views it as a treatable disease, not a moral failing.

## **OPINION**

### **21. Domestic violence survivors seeking asylum in US deserve our protection**

(The Hill; 11.9M uvm; Washington, D.C.) ... Mary Ellsberg

As thousands have arrived at the southern U.S. border seeking asylum, the Trump administration is exploring even more aggressive steps to curb U.S. immigration. One of the most alarming recent developments is its efforts to close the legal avenues for abused women seeking asylum. Administration officials have blamed the tide of women seeking asylum in the U.S., particularly those from Central America, on overly lenient laws. Attorney General Jeff Sessions himself has said that immigration courts were “overloaded with fake claims.” Yet now more than ever, we must understand the truth about how these women gain asylum in the U.S., as well as scrutinize why so many of them seek our protection.

### **22. Immigration arrests at courthouses are undermining the justice system**

(Times Record News; 187k uvm; Wichita Falls, TX) ... Sarah Mehta

Since President Trump took office last year, immigration enforcement officers from Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Customs and Border Protection (CBP) have dramatically expanded their presence at criminal and civil courts,

including in family, landlord-tenant, and traffic courts across the United States. The presence of these officers and increased immigration arrests have created deep insecurity and fear among immigrant communities, stopping many from coming to court or even calling police in the first place. The impact of immigration enforcement at courthouses greatly undermines the security of vulnerable communities and the fundamental right to equal protection under the law, shared by noncitizens and citizens alike.

## **IMMIGRATION**

### **23. ICE arrests man in Maryland crash that killed FBI agent, fire marshal** (FOX News; 32.5M uvm)

Immigration officers have arrested a Guatemalan national who mowed down and killed an FBI agent and a fire marshal on a Maryland highway last year. Roberto Garza Palacios was accused of being unlawfully present in the U.S. after overstaying a work visa that expired in 2009, Fox 5 DC reported Friday. He was arrested Thursday in Gaithersburg, Md., where he was living. The station reported that after an arrest in 2015 on local charges, Montgomery County released Garza Palacios from custody despite an Immigration and Customs Enforcement detainer to hold him. The 28-year-old man, who worked in landscaping and construction, was charged Tuesday with negligent driving in the deaths in December of FBI agent Carlos Wolf, 36, and Maryland fire marshal Sander Cohen, 33. Wolf had crashed his vehicle on Interstate 270, and Cohen stopped to help him. Both men were off-duty. Garza Palacios drove up, swerved to avoid their vehicles and plowed into them on the shoulder.

### **24. Maryland County Mulls \$373,956 Fund to Pay Legal Expenses for Illegal Aliens Facing Deportation** (Breitbart; 19.1M uvm) ... Penny Starr

The Montgomery County, Maryland Council is considering a special appropriation to its budget of \$373,956 to pay legal expenses for illegal aliens fighting deportation. The council held a contentious meeting last week, where a standing-room-only crowd cheered and jeered speakers who favor or oppose the move. If passed, the fund would be given to the Capital Area Immigrants Rights Coalition (CAIR), which would screen “low-income” illegal aliens who are facing deportation proceedings, eliminating those convicted of crimes or involved in gang activities. “This is the right thing to do, it is consistent with the core values of our County and our country,” Laura Munez Lopez, an illegal alien who came to the U.S. as a minor, said in the Sentinel article. “It is consistent with the values that drew my parents to seek a better life here in the first place.” “This special appropriation is against American values of fairness,” Wei Wang, a legal immigrant, said at the meeting. “It is not fair for legal immigrants who respect the U.S. immigration law.”

### **25. The Legal Fight Over DACA Is Now Even Messier. Here's What's Happening.** (BuzzFeed; 17.6M uvm) ... Zoe Tillman

Last summer, a coalition of Republican attorneys general led by Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton issued a threat to the Trump administration: End the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, or we'll sue. It worked. The administration announced it would wind down DACA on Sept. 5 — the deadline set by the Republican attorneys general — and the intra-GOP lawsuit never happened. Until now. Upset at injunctions issued by federal judges in recent months that partially revived DACA, Texas and six other states filed a lawsuit this week challenging the legality of the program. The state asked for a preliminary injunction blocking the Trump administration from enforcing the terms of the original 2012 memorandum that created DACA, which has provided temporary protection against deportation and work authorization for hundreds of thousands of young, undocumented immigrants... Legal experts told BuzzFeed News that it wasn't immediately clear what would happen if the judge in Texas blocked the administration from enforcing DACA, including provisions that other judges had already explicitly ordered the administration to carry out.

**26. West Carthage native Thomas D. Homan retires as director of Immigration and Customs Enforcement**

(Watertown Daily Times; 193k uvm; Watertown, NY) ... Abraham Kenmore

West Carthage native Thomas D. Homan is leaving his post at the helm of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement without regrets. Despite intense scrutiny that the department has received in his year of leadership for stepped up immigration detentions and deportations, Mr. Homan feels he did his job — enforcing the law and protecting his officers. “I can retire with my head held high,” he said. “I think I’ve done a good job.” ... In his time as the acting head of the agency, Mr. Homan acquired a reputation as a bombastic defender of ICE in spite of — or because of — increased scrutiny. “I’m a tough-talking guy, but I have to be tough talking when I’m taking hits,” he said... Mr. Homan received a 2015 Presidential Rank Award for Distinguished Service under President Obama and Monday night was awarded a leadership award from the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association Foundation, which he says are the two great honors of his career.

**OF INTEREST**

**27. Trump jabs Sen. Brown on weak border, keeps immigration up front in midterm races**

(Washington Times; 10.8M uvm; Washington, D.C.) ... S.A. Miller

President Trump gave a boost Saturday to Rep. Jim Renacci’s campaign for Senate in Ohio, saying incumbent Democrat Sen. Sherrod Brown was to blame for the country’s lax immigration laws. “Our immigration laws are a disgrace,” said the president, noting the catch-and-release policy that sets illegal immigrants free in the U.S. pending a court hearing. “This is a Democrat law — Sherrod Brown. You catch them and release,” Mr. Trump said at a Cleveland, Ohio, event to highlight the benefits of the tax cut law he signed in December. He also railed against sanctuary cities that Democrats steadfastly defend. He said city leaders who buck federal



immigration laws were engaged in “obstruction of justice.” Mr. Trump is working to make illegal immigration a top issue in the midterm elections. He also threatened to shut down the government in a spending fight this fall, just prior to the elections, if Democrats continue to refuse funding for a border wall. “Even if it means closing up the country for a while, we’re going to get the wall,” said Mr. Trump.

## **28. Hussen says he's open to changing border pact with U.S. — but won't say how**

(CBC News; 3.8M uvm; Toronto, ON) ... Elise von Scheel

The federal government is open to the possibility of working with the U.S. to modernize a border pact to help address the problem of asylum seekers crossing illegally into Canada, says Immigration Minister Ahmed Hussen. But it's not clear what sorts of changes the minister has in mind. Earlier this week, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security said it's reviewing a Canadian proposal to amend the Safe Third Country Agreement, a pact that requires individuals claiming asylum to do so in the first safe country they land in, with few exceptions. While Hussen has repeatedly insisted that there are no "formal negotiations" going on at this point, he told CBC Radio's The House that the Safe Third Country Agreement is the subject of ongoing conversations with the U.S. which could lead to proposals to modernize the 14-year-old pact. "It's always worth a look," he said. Hussen rejected calls to suspend the agreement last year, saying there was no need to "tinker" with it. On Thursday, however, he said the Trudeau government has discussed the agreement with U.S. counterparts. He told CBC News the comment from Homeland Security likely referred to more general discussions "on all kinds of issues related to immigration and border security, including safe third."

## **29. We Have Rights**

(American Civil Liberties Union; 1.3M uvm)

We Have Rights is a national immigrant empowerment campaign that will provide critical information to communities threatened by Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE) and engage the broader American public in an urgent conversation about immigrant justice in our country. In direct response to expressed community need, ACLU has joined forces with Brooklyn Defender Services to create and distribute a series of powerful and informative videos based on true stories to provide real life action points for what to do when ICE is outside our doors, is in our homes, stops us in our communities, and/or arrests us. The videos are voiced in multiple languages by an all-star cast of influencers and activists, including: Jesse Williams (English), Diane Guerrero (Spanish), Kumail Nanjiani (Urdu), Linda Sarsour (Arabic), Edwidge Danticat (Haitian Creole), Katya Lee (Russian), and Xiren Wang (Mandarin).

## **30. Amid pot legalization border uncertainty, feds' advice? Don't lie**

(CTV-News; 133k uvm; Canada) ... Rachel Aiello

As marijuana legalization draws near and questions linger about what Canadians can

expect at the U.S. border, the federal point-man on pot, Bill Blair, has some advice: Don't lie. This week, the Senate National Security and Defence Committee issued its report on the federal marijuana legalization legislation, Bill C-45. It offered several recommendations to the federal government relating to addressing Canada-U.S. border issues, including: Engaging in formal and political talks with the U.S. government to clarify their position on Canadians crossing the border; Negotiating an agreement on the treatment of travellers at the U.S. border related to marijuana that includes the kinds of questions that can be asked; and, Preventing additional stops, interrogations, or searches by U.S. custom officers as the result of legalized marijuana. In an interview with Evan Solomon, host of CTV's Question Period, parliamentary secretary Bill Blair said talks are ongoing talks between Canadian officials and their American counterparts, but advises that no matter what, Canadians shouldn't lie about their marijuana use.

## SOCIAL MEDIA ANALYSIS

### Overall

- Social media volume decreased 26% yesterday, down to 4,620 total posts. Twitter accounted for 89% of total posts.
- The top shared URL (314 shares) linked to an *ACLU* post, "We Have Rights."
- The second top shared URL (233 shares) linked to a *Breitbart* article, "Border Patrol Agents Arrest 15 more Bangladeshi Nationals in South Texas."

### Twitter

- BP agent Jason Owens thanked Dan Bongino, Steve Willeford, LTC Allen West, and Sgt. Sammy Davis for their support for the U.S. Border Patrol. The post received the highest amount of engagement with 338 retweets, 1.3k likes, and 16 replies.
- @NILC tweeted a link to the *ACLU* post "We Have Rights." Embedded in the tweet was a video, "WE HAVE RIGHTS: When ICE is Outside Our Doors." The post received significant engagement with 216 retweets, 203 likes, and 8 replies. The video garnered 30.5k views.



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**Date:** Wednesday, July 09, 2014 9:53:45 PM  
**Attachments:** (b) (7)(E)

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## SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

**SOURCE:** (b) (7)(E), AZ  
**SUBJECT:** Possible Border Militia Activity

On June 29, 2014, messages began circulating online revealing preparations for a militia mobilization along the US/Mexico border. The first operation is being called "Secure Our Borders," and is set to take place in Laredo, TX. Operation "Phoenix" will be taking place along the Arizona border; raw information states that Nogales, AZ may be the starting location.

The goal is to have the entire border secured by militia. At this point, no date is set; however, deployment is planned by the end of July.

Supplies including ammunition, water, and horses are being requested on-line.

Self-reported militia groups are describing this operation as "bigger than the Bundy Ranch."

Agents and officers may encounter heavily armed persons traveling to Arizona for this operation.

If you receive information on border militia activity, please forward it to the (b) (7)(E)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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FYI,

It was Border Patrol Agents that were supposedly fired at on the Rio Grande River last night, not militia members. The link below is what he was referring to in his post.

See below:

<http://www.foxnews.com/us/2014/07/20/cartels-suspected-as-high-caliber-gunfire-sends-border-patrol-scrambling-on-rio/>

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UPDATE (2):

On July 20, 2014, the (b) (7)(E) Border Patrol Station reported that the militia group leader's online posts state (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and his group have been diverted to (b) (7)(E), TX due to militia members allegedly being fired upon with 50 caliber weapons.

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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

SUBJECT

NAME: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

YOB: Unknown

COC: US

HT/WT: Unknown

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From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
To: YUM (b) (7)(E) CBP  
Cc: YUM (b) (7)(E)  
Subject: CSO Officer Safety Alert - Ex-Police Chief Mark (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
Date: Tuesday, July 15, 2014 4:28:32 PM  
Attachments: image001.png  
(b) (7)(E)

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TEXT BELOW FOR BLACKBERRY USERS

(b) (7)(E)

*Unclassified//Law Enforcement Sensitive*

July 15, 2014

Sergeant (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Ex Police Chief (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(U//LES) On July 15, 2014, the (b) (7)(E) County Sheriff's Office received a tip on the Department Website in reference to ex (b) (7)(E) Pennsylvania Police Chief Mark (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) has been extremely vocal against the current administration and its' policies. He has posted many rants on Youtube which led to his dismissal from the Police Department in (b) (7)(E)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wt14sdu-wY4&feature=youtu.be>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UubTrNKYf-8>

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) has posted on his Facebook page that he plans to bring a small team (other posts talks of a

militia)

to the Arizona Border to stop illegal crossings. <https://www.facebook.com/>(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) here, I'm driving to Arizona border for five days with a few friends , July 19 is our departure date,

going to patrol cartel mule paths that lead into Arizona , leading a small team to recon the area and set up,

we're expecting to make contact and be engaged by heavily armed cartel escorts trucking dope into Arizona,

Feel free to join if you want , but be prepared to get contacted by heavily armed cartel members with automatic weapons , & possible grenades , if the Feds would protect the boarder we wouldn't have to!

These thugs crossing affects every state not just Arizona, so I suggest those who live in az come to the front

lines and assist in stopping the traffickers, murderers, rapest from entering ! Instead of bitching about it on

social media”

(U//LES) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) has a webpage where he promotes his videos, a radio show, body guard services and firearms training.. [http://www.\(b\) \(6\), \(b\) \(7\)\(C\).com/](http://www.(b) (6), (b) (7)(C).com/) . Windermere hotel & conference center 2047 state highway 92 Sierra vista , Arizona 85635He is actively seeking donations with a goal of \$100,000. He states

in his last post that they will be leaving Pennsylvania on July 19 and will drive 35 hours to the rally point

which is the Windermere Hotel and Conference Center located at 2047 State Highway 92 in Sierra Vista,

Arizona. He is encouraging all to bring multiple weapons and lots of ammunition and that military rules of

engagement apply. This information is for situational awareness to all Federal and State of Arizona Law

Enforcement with an emphasis on Border Counties.

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U.S. Border Patrol

Yuma Sector (b) (7)(E)

4035 S. Ave A

Yuma, AZ 85365

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) – Office

(b) (7)(E)

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) on behalf of (b) (7) CBP  
**To:** (b) (7) CBP; JEC (b) (7) (b) (7) AZ  
**Cc:** BP (b) (7)  
**Subject:** UPDATE (3): S/A - Former Police Chief (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Date:** Monday, July 21, 2014 4:54:10 PM

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LPR photos of actual vehicle:





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SUBJECT

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COC: US

HT/WT: Unknown

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**To:** JEC (b) (7) (E) AZ  
**Cc:** (b) (7) CBP; BP (b) (7) (E)  
**Subject:** UPDATE (4): S/A - Former Police Chief (b) (6); (b) (7) (E)  
**Date:** Monday, July 21, 2014 10:10:54 PM

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A grey Ford Ranger truck (unidentified license plate) was also traveling with the Hummer.

Agents reported the militia group went over the (b) (7)(E) into (b) (7)(E) area of responsibility.

UPDATE (3):

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Cc: (b) (7)(C) CBP  
Subject: UPDATE (6): S/A - (b) (6), (b) (7) & Militia Group  
Date: Tuesday, July 22, 2014 2:24:07 AM  
Attachments: image004.png

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UPDATE (6):

On July 21, 2014, at approximately 2300 hours (MST), the (b) (7)(E) Border Patrol Station reported receiving information from local law enforcement that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) walked into the Republican Party office in Sierra Vista, AZ and was heavily armed.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) inquired about the local hospital and what type of injuries the medical facility could treat.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated that he knew of a cartel load coming through either tonight or tomorrow morning and that he and his crew were going to take it down.

UPDATE (5):

On July 21, 2014, at approximately 2045 hours (MST), a (b) (7)(E) Station Border Patrol Agent reported that 5 to 10 members of the Constitutional Security Force militia established a campsite west of (b) (7)(E) AZ.

The following vehicles were at the campsite:

- A black Subaru with Washington license plate (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
- A Ford truck with Arizona license plate (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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- A green camouflaged truck with an Arizona Veteran's license plate of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Hummer was at the campsite; however, the license plate was removed so that the "south side couldn't get it."

The group advised they will be communicating using a 2 meter ban 145000 frequency.



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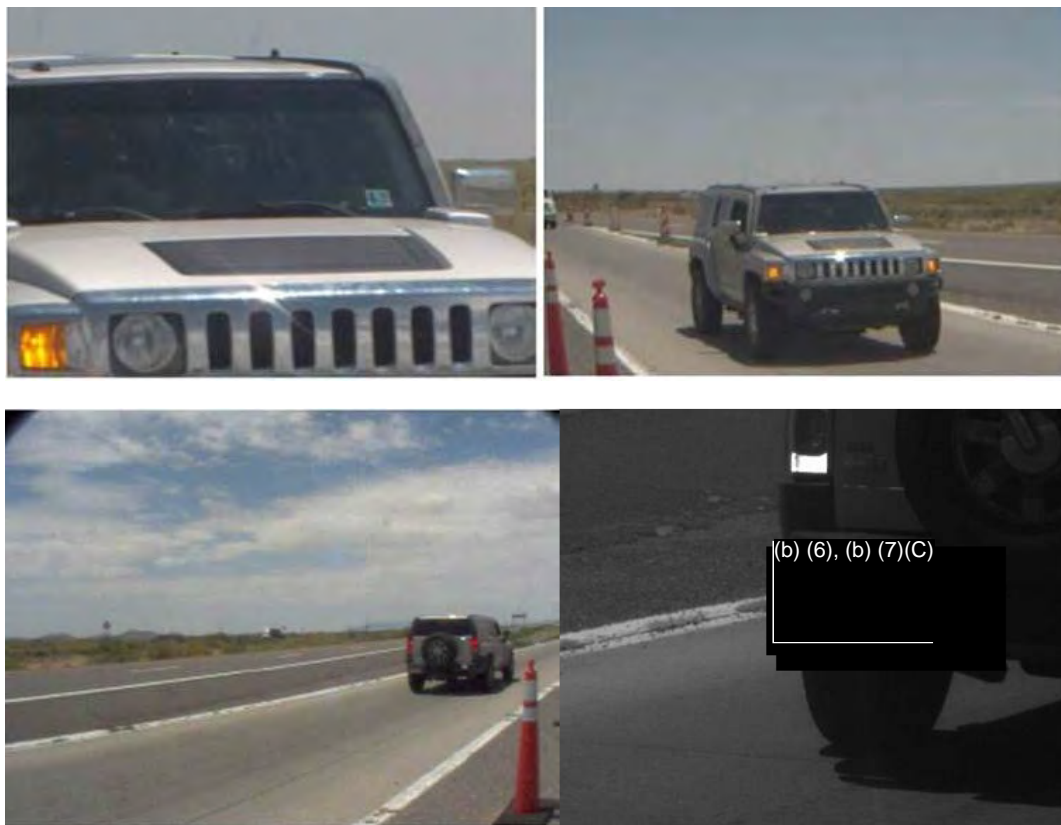
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Subject: UPDATE (5): S/A - (b) (6), (b) (7) & Militia Group  
Date: Tuesday, July 22, 2014 12:44:34 AM  
Attachments: image004.png

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To: (b) (7)(C) CBP  
Cc: JEC (b) (7)(C) AZ; BP (b) (7)(C)  
Subject: Re: UPDATE (4): S/A - Former Police Chief (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
Date: Tuesday, July 22, 2014 4:08:12 PM

Update... (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and 3 other white males just seen at the Circle K in (b) (7)(E) fueling up the Hummer at approximately 1300 on 07/22.  
(b) (7)(E) All riding in one vehicle.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Lieutenant  
Patrol Bureau Commander  
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (7)(E) CBP <(b) (7)(E)@cbp.dhs.gov> wrote:

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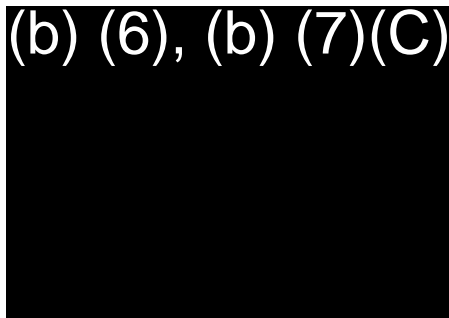
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COC: US

HT/WT: Unknown

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**Cc:** (b) (7)(C) CBP  
**Subject:** UPDATE (9): S/A - (b) (6), (b) (7) & Militia Group  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 23, 2014 10:01:45 PM  
**Attachments:** image001.png

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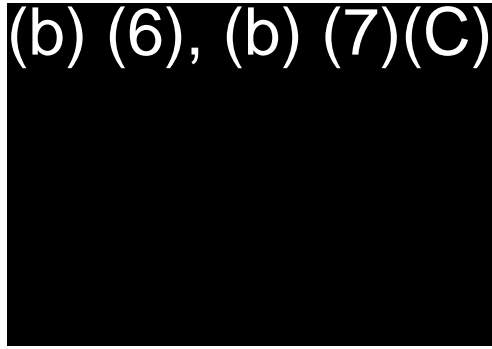
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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)



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**Cc:**  
**Subject:** UPDATE (5): S/A-Officer Safety Simultaneous Border Militia Activity/Protest-Arizona & SW POE(s)  
**Date:** Friday, September 05, 2014 6:43:37 PM  
**Attachments:** [image006.png](#)

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UPDATE (5):

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**Cc:** (b) (7)(E) CBP  
**Subject:** S/A: Border Militia Activity – (b) (7)(E) AZ  
**Date:** Monday, August 25, 2014 4:53:39 PM

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**AUTHOR:** (b) (7)(E)

**SOURCE:** Arizona Dept. of Public Safety/Arizona Counter Terrorism Information Center (ACTIC)

**SUBJECT:** Border Militia Activity – (b) (7)(E), AZ

On August 25, 2014 the (b) (7)(E) received information from the ACTIC about messages circulating online regarding border militia activity along the US/Mexico border near (b) (7)(E), AZ.

The group states they intend to close a (b) (7)(E) beginning on August 25, 2014. There is no indication on how many members the group will be comprised of.

The following are posts and photos taken directly from the public website the militia has been using to accept donations for their intended operations:

“So here we go!!! Tomorrow we head off to a location on the AZ border. I will be stopping in Phoenix to pick up some Patriots!!! And then a few stops to pick up some donated equipment!! And then meeting up with some members of the Arizona Militia... And a large group of militia members who have come down all the way from Colorado. Thank you to all that have donated so far. Without you none of this would be possible!!”

“Just returned from three days of training the new guys in Northern, AZ. Now it’s time to get ready for the border. We will be arriving on the Southern border of AZ on the 25th to shut down a large drug corridor near the Nogales AZ area!!”, Thx **CPT O**.

(b) (7)(E)

and directly linked to an organization known as Arizona State Militia. The public website for the organization can be found at the following link: <http://arizonastatemilitia.com/>



(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)



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**Cc:** (b) (7)(E) [CBP](#)  
**Subject:** UPDATE: S/A-Officer Safety Possible Border Militia Activity, Arizona  
**Date:** Friday, July 11, 2014 6:27:18 PM  
**Attachments:** (b) (7)(E) [image006.png](#)  
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UPDATE:

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**Cc:** (b) (7)(E) [CBP](#)  
**Subject:** S/A: Threats Against Law Enforcement  
**Date:** Monday, September 08, 2014 5:37:35 PM  
**Attachments:** (b) (7)(E)

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**Cc:** (b)(7)(E) [CBP](#)  
**Subject:** UPDATE (4): S/A-Officer Safety Simultaneous Border Militia Activity/Protest-Arizona & SW POE(s)  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 20, 2014 5:56:21 PM  
**Attachments:** [image006.png](#)  
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**Subject:** UPDATE (7): S/A - (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) & Militia Group  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 22, 2014 7:04:12 PM  
**Attachments:** image004.png (b) (7)(E)

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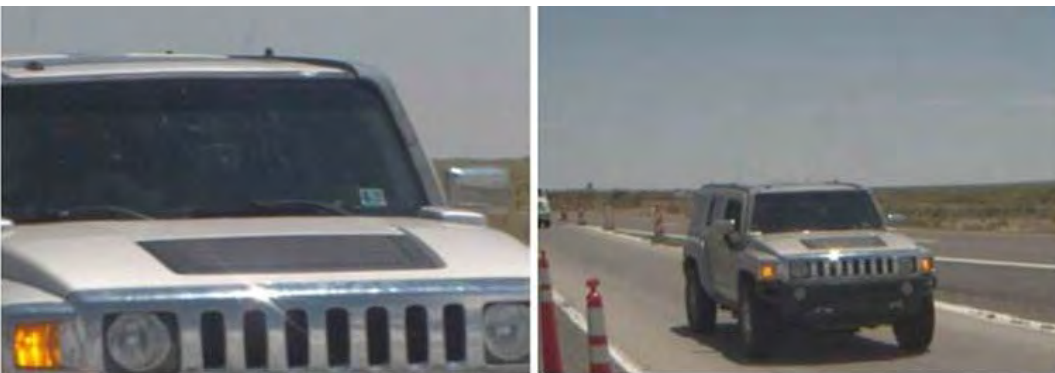
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He has posted messages on social media that he plans to bring a small team to the AZ border to stop illegal crossings.

He stated that he intends to depart for AZ on July 19 and the stated rally point for his activities will be the Windemere Hotel and Conference Center in Sierra Vista, AZ.

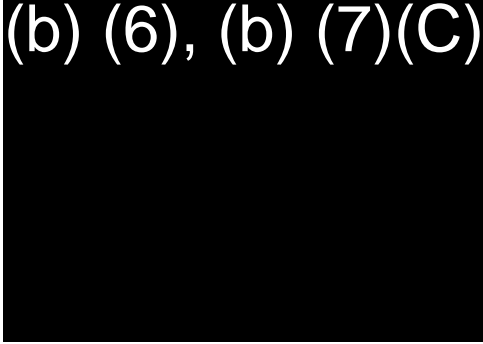
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) is inviting others to participate and to bring multiple weapons and ammunition and states that "military rules of engagement apply".

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated his intent is to "patrol cartel mule paths" and that he is "expecting to make contact and be engaged by heavily armed cartel escorts trucking dope into Arizona".

He is featured on a website promoting videos, appearances, and body guard services. ([http://www.\(b\) \(6\), \(b\) \(7\)\(C\).com/page1.php](http://www.(b) (6), (b) (7)(C).com/page1.php))

Please see attached open source videos. WARNING: VIDEOS CONTAIN GRAPHIC LANGUAGE.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)



SUBJECT

NAME: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

YOB: Unknown

COC: US

HT/WT: Unknown

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**Cc:** [SITROOM](#)  
**Subject:** FW: UPDATE (6): S/A-Officer Safety Simultaneous Border Militia Activity/Protest-Arizona & SW POE(s)  
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Situational Awareness:

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# Shut Down All Ports Of Entry

September 20, 2014

## Mission Statement:

We are a representation of Americans who are unsettled and deeply concerned with our current Administration, in all branches of Federal and State governments. Our mission is to Shut Down, every United States' Port of Entry on the Southern Border, until our Goals are met.

This action will force the elected officials in The United States and Mexico, to come up with a permanent and legitimate solution for dealing with the Illegal Immigration issue, enforce our rule of law, and bring our Marine, Sgt. Tahmooressi, home. This protects all American citizens and those legal immigrants who wish to come here through legal channels.

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The Border Shut Down will remain in place, until our Goals are met, in writing, from both the United States and the Mexican governments. All documentation, in compliance to our Goals, must be official and legally binding. By doing this, we will stop approximately 1.4 Billions dollars of trade, per day, from going into, and out of, Mexico and The United States of America.

Our Goals, as follows, are non-negotiable:

1. Immediately and unconditionally, release Sgt. Andrew Tahmooressi.
2. Give the United States Border Patrol and ICE Agents back their authority to complete their job and defend the immigration laws of The United States. Allow them to detain and remove, any and all illegal aliens, *especially* including armed gang members, cartel members, and drug mules; overturning current procedure. End "catch and release", permanently.
3. A clear plan of action and confirmed intent to permanently seal off our Southern border, by means of a military grade fence with razor wire (or similar equivalent) *and* adding any and all additional Border Patrol Agents and militarized National Guard members needed to further deter any unauthorized entry. The Southern border **MUST** be sealed.
4. All foreign aid currently designated for Mexico is bookmarked for a plan of action to build up their middle class. All funding for countries supporting any terrorist organization (ISIS, Muslim Brotherhood, Hamas, Al Qaeda, etc.) are to be immediately halted and disbanded.
5. Repeal the Trust Act and enforce all Federal Immigration Laws, ensuring there are no more Sanctuary Cities.
6. Immediately end all Federal and State government financial, educational and medical assistance to all illegal aliens.
7. Enforce current Federal Law, which prevents any person, group, business, organization or local government from harboring or hiring an illegal alien. Penalties upon conviction include criminal fines, imprisonment, and forfeiture of vehicles and real property used to commit the crime.
8. Grant immunity and fear from retaliation for all protesters involved in this protest that have conducted themselves in a peaceful manner and not used this forum to conduct criminal activities.

*May God Bless America and the citizens that stand in defense of her!*

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**To:** JFC, (b) (7)(E) FA1; JFC, (b) (7)(E) FA2; JFC, (b) (7)(E) FA3; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) SDC, (b) (7)(E) ACTIC, ACTIC; BP, (b) (7)(E)  
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**To:** [CBP SITROOM- HQ SITUATIONAL AWARENESS](#)  
**Cc:** [SITROOM](#)  
**Subject:** SA: New Militia To Be Formed, Deployed To Texas-Mexico Border-UPDATE 667 to MMC (b) (7)(E)  
**Date:** Friday, August 29, 2014 1:31:36 AM

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### **Location(s): Texas**

A Beaumont man is helping organize a militia to head down to Brownsville this fall. The militia will most likely take on the name "**Golden Triangle Tactical Border Project.**" Militia volunteers will be paid and outfitted with \$5,000 worth of military gear. The gear includes a **Troy AR-15 rifle**, military-grade night vision goggles and a 30-pound plate carrier.

Potential volunteers must pass a background check and a physical fitness test in order to join the group. The group will do "basic infantry-style training." Members will be informed of the general rules for camping and patrolling at the border, including not being able to detain people, not firing at anyone (unless it's self-defense) and not consuming alcohol.

The formation of this group comes just days after the deployment of Texas National Guard troops to the border in response to the detainment of 63,000 unaccompanied minors who entered the U.S. illegally from October to July. Texas Military Forces representatives declined to comment on the activities of independent militias and how it affects the work of National Guardsmen.

Border Patrol and Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) troopers have mistaken militia groups for tactical groups from DPS. One instance prompted the Border Patrol to circulate an "issue paper" that warned other agents of these activities.

**Traditional Media Sources** (some page content may change or not be available over time):

- **Beaumont Enterprise**

-- <http://bit.ly/1po6A26>

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Date: Saturday, September 20, 2014 9:17:43 AM  
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UPDATE (9):

On September 20, 2014 at 0500hrs, one of the organizers, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) posted a message informing their members the protest scheduled for today was cancelled. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated the reason for the cancellation was a threat of mass violence to attendees and suspicious activity on their Facebook site.

Source Link: <http://www.shutdownallports.com/>

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#### California

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#### New Mexico

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#### Texas

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Prior to departing from the pre-POE rally points, participants/protestors may be directed to converge on each POE mentioned in their public website and social media to produce the mass numbers desired. All POEs and agents/officers should remain vigilant.

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YUM (b) (7)(E)  
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Research indicates the number of protestors at each port may total 100.

There have been no recent public announcements made by any known AZ militia groups regarding attendance or planned activity with the protest/shutdown.

All agents/officers are reminded to remain vigilant in all their duties. Locations and number of participants of the planned simultaneous protest cannot be verified and is subject to change.

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Date: Friday, September 19, 2014 12:15:45 PM  
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Rally Locations & Meeting Time.pdf

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Organizers have also posted on their social media webpage that one of their original main goals/demands of the protest, the freeing of Sgt. Tahmooressi, is no longer on the agenda due to the mother of Sgt. Tahmooressi rescinding her support of the protest. However, organizers state the planned simultaneous protest will continue as scheduled.

The (b) (7)(F) will continue to monitor and provide updates as warranted.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Arizona Joint Field Command

(b) (7)(E)

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# Shut Down All Ports Of Entry Rally Locations

**Meeting Time: 6:45am PST** (Port Closure @ 8:00am PST)

This is the list of suggested rally locations. Remember, everyone must meet at these locations, prior to going to the Ports *(especially since the CBP website isn't very accurate with exact POE directions)*.

I have tried my best to choose easily accessible locations. As you can see, not all of these Ports are near major shopping centers; I apologize.

If you have enough people to Shut Down your desired Port, please consider another Port that is close by. Otherwise, the more people at one Port, the more successful!

Weather conditions may make traveling to specific areas difficult; I've been informed that storms are expected in Texas, throughout the weekend. Please be safe! Do not proceed if the weather is making the roadways hazardous.

*Please make sure you have read all of the material on the website and/or Facebook page.*

Stay safe, take lots of pictures and enjoy expressing your right to peacefully assemble and air your grievances to your government!

May God Bless America and the citizens that stand in defense of her

# Shut Down All Ports Of Entry Rally Locations

## Arizona

### **Douglas**

Walmart Supercenter  
199 W 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Douglas, Arizona 85607

### **Naco**

Safeway  
101 Naco Hwy  
Bisbee, AZ 85603

### **Nogales**

Walmart Supercenter  
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Nogales, Arizona 85621

### **San Luis**

Walmart Supercenter  
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San Luis, AZ 85349

## California

### **San Ysidro and Otay Mesa**

Walmart  
710 Dennery Rd  
San Diego, CA 92154

### **Calexico**

Walmart Supercenter  
2540 Rockwood Ave  
Calexico, CA 92231

# Shut Down All Ports Of Entry Rally Locations

## **Tecate**

Barrett Junction Cafe  
1020 Barrett Lake Rd  
Dulzura, CA 91917

## **New Mexico**

### **Columbus**

US Post Office  
201 S. Main Street  
Columbus, New Mexico 88029

### **Santa Teresa**

Santa Teresa High School  
100 Airport Road  
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Walmart  
2320 Northeast Bob Bullock Loop  
Laredo, TX 78043

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## **Del Rio (Amistad Dam)**

Walmart Supercenter  
2410 Dodson Avenue  
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*Head to Eagle Pass, if you have enough to cover both Eagle Pass and Del Rio.*

## **El Paso**

Walmart Supercenter  
10727 Gateway Boulevard West  
El Paso, Texas 79935

## **Pharr**

Walmart  
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McAllen, Texas 78503

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Alco Discount Store  
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Cc: (b) (7)(E) CBP  
Subject: S/A: Militia Activity- Upcoming Border Scout School - Tucson, AZ  
Date: Thursday, October 09, 2014 4:28:24 PM

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## SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

**AUTHOR:** (b) (7)(E)  
**SOURCE:** (b) (7)(E)

**SUBJECT:** S/A: Militia Activity Upcoming Border Scout School - Tucson, AZ

On October 9, 2014, (b) (7)(E) research conducted via social media, discovered that the Arizona Border Recon (AZBR) militia-type organization has partnered with the Death Valley Training Center/Death Valley Magazine (Social Club), to conduct what they are referring to as a "Border Scout School," in the area of **Tucson, AZ**.

The Border Scout School can be found advertised on the public website  
<http://www.deathvalleymag.com/dvtc/>





Excerpt from AZBR:

- What is it? Glad you asked!
- It's a training evolution designed to tackle the skills, competencies, and procedures needed to conduct effective support operations in borderlands at home and abroad in an effective immersion-training program and 3 day Border Patrol Mission along the Southern border of the United States.
- \*Phase 1\* (3 Days) is under the supervision of Death Valley Training Center
- \*Phase 2\* is a real world operation with **Arizona Border Recon**

Phase 2 of the operation with AZBR consists of the following:

- Conducting reconnaissance, area surveillance, and disruption of cartel narcotics and human trafficking activities
- Establishing and conducting listening and observation posts
- Conducting Searches for Cartel Narcotic Caches
- Identifying and documenting tracks or trails that are used as access points for Narcotic Cartels (b) (7)(E)
- Conducting Day and Night Foot and vehicle Patrols



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Joint Field Command-Arizona

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**To:** JFC, (b) (7)(E), (b) (7)(E) AZ  
**Cc:** (b) (7)(E) CBP  
**Subject:** UPDATE: S/A - Former Police Chief (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Date:** Saturday, July 19, 2014 11:04:59 PM  
**Attachments:** (b) (7)(E)  
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## SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

### UPDATE:

On July 19, 2014, the (b) (7)(E) Border Patrol Station reported that the [REDACTED] group leader's online posts state that they are leaving Pennsylvania today and will drive straight to Arizona. The group anticipates conducting patrols in the field Monday through Friday in 5-man teams.

The (b) (7)(E) County Sheriff's Office has established a Command Post.

The (b) (7)(E) Station will maintain a deployment posture through Friday.

### INITIAL REPORT:

On July 15, 2014, the (b) (7)(E) received information from [REDACTED] CSO regarding a tip received on their department website in reference to ex-(b) (7)(E) Pennsylvania Police Chief (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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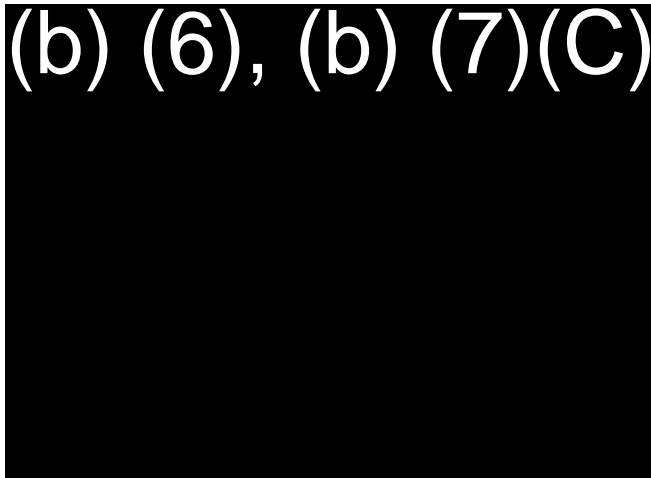
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**To:** JFC, (b) (7)(E), (b) (7)(E) AZ  
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**Subject:** S/A - Former Police Chief (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Date:** Thursday, July 17, 2014 1:15:49 PM  
**Attachments:** (b) (7)(E), (b) (6); (b) (7)(C)  
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## SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

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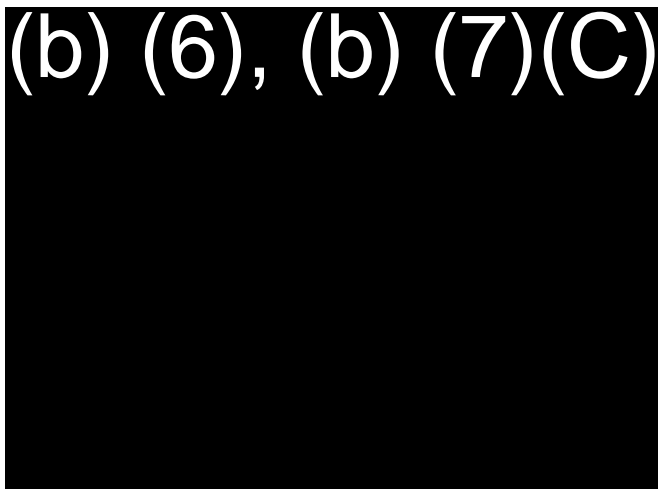
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**To:** [DIRECTORS FIELD OPS](#); [MISSION SUPPORT ASST DIRECTORS](#); [BORDER SECURITY ASST DIRECTORS](#); [TRADE OPERATIONS ASST DIRECTORS](#); [CBP SITROOM-\(b\) \(7\)\(E\)](#); [ALERT - SOUTHERN BORDER](#); [CBP SITROOM-\(b\) \(7\)\(E\)](#)  
**Cc:** [SITROOM](#); [CBP SITROOM- OFO LIAISONS](#); [CBP SITROOM- HQ SITUATIONAL AWARENESS](#)  
**Subject:** S/A UPDATE: (U//FOUO) Twitter User Threatens Protest- "Draw Muhammad Cartoon Contest"—Phoenix  
**Date:** Friday, May 29, 2015 10:23:24 AM  
**Attachments:** [CBP \(b\) \(7\)\(E\) Bikers Plan Armed Protest Outside Mosque.pdf](#)

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#### Situational Awareness Update

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29 May 2015

(U) Summary: At 2258 on 28 May, Twitter(USPER) user "(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)" began issuing English-language tweets listing the name and address of a US citizen organizing a "Draw the Prophet" event in Arizona and threatening the event with "an IED" attack.

— One post stated, "Whats your little handguns going to do against an IED that sprays 3000+ ball bearings faster than the speed of sound? #Phoenix #AZ."

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<sup>1</sup> Freedom of Speech Rally Round II Facebook Page Retrieved May 28, 2015, from <https://www.facebook.com/events/1630892790456240/>

<sup>2</sup> U-PHX 15-0012 | (b) (7)(E) (b) (7)(E) Unit | 28 May 2015 | (U//FOUO)  
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<sup>3</sup> Armed Bikers Plan to Draw Cartoons of Mohammed Outside a Mosque in Arizona. Retrieved May 28, 2015, from <http://foreignpolicy.com/2015/05/28/armed-bikers-plan-to-draw-cartoons-of-mohammed-outside-a-mosque-in-arizona/>

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**Cc:** (b) (7)(E) CBP  
**Subject:** S/A: Minutemen Operation near (b) (7)(E) AZ  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 30, 2014 4:55:34 PM

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## SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) also stated that the group will consist of approximately 20-30 minutemen individuals. Members of this group will be in static high-point positions utilizing 3<sup>rd</sup> GEN night vision equipment. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) further stated they will be setting up their main camp by the (b) (7)(E) near the intersection of (b) (7)(E)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) indicated this operation is being coordinated along with other groups of minutemen to show a huge presence along the border area, including areas near (b) (7)(E) AZ. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) has dubbed this event, "Operation Aprils Redemption."

Joint Field Command-Arizona

(b) (7)(E)

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**Subject:** Re: UPDATE (2): S/A - Former Police Chief (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Date:** Sunday, July 20, 2014 3:10:43 PM

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Negative for me.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
Division Chief - Operations  
Yuma Border Patrol Sector

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 20, 2014 12:04 PM  
**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** Fw: UPDATE (2): S/A - Former Police Chief (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Did any of you see anything on the alleged firing via the HQ route such as an SIR?

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**Cc:** (b)(6);(b)(7)(C); [LANDRUM, CARL E](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Follow-up  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 29, 2018 9:27:30 AM

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Chief,

YUM: Negative.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
Division Chief  
LE Ops - Yuma Sector  
U.S. Border Patrol  
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 29, 2018 6:06:23 AM  
**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
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ALCON

Seems negative for TCA.

(b) (7)(E) had a militia encounter May 28<sup>th</sup> at approx. 11:15 AM, two subjects, but I don't believe this is related.

Thanks

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 29, 2018 5:10 AM  
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(Acting) Deputy Chief

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**Sent:** Monday, May 28, 2018 11:17:01 PM

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V/R

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Thank you!

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Law Enforcement Operations Directorate - Ops  
U.S Border Patrol  
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(Acting) Deputy Chief

Law Enforcement Operations Directorate - Ops

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**Sent:** Monday, May 28, 2018 11:17:01 PM

**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**Subject:** Follow-up

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Anything in either of your gentlemen's op reporting channels?

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## METADATA

Associated Workspace	(b) (7)(E)
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Geographical and Operational Environments:	
GEO AREAs:	CONUS: SOUTHWEST: ARIZONA
USBP OEs:	(b) (7)(E)
OFO OEs:	-
Product Categorization:	
<div>(b) (7)(E)</div>	
Special Operations/Project Code:	-
Reliability:	Highly Reliable
Evaluation:	Verified
Source Type:	Non-Confidential U.S. Federal Source
Source Description:	Yuma Sector Border Patrol Agents



## REPORT TITLE

Militia Members Encountered During Operation (b) (7)(E)

## DATE AND TIME OF INFORMATION

04/28/2017 22:00

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On 04/28/2017, Yuma Sector Border Patrol Agents assigned to Operation (b) (7)(E) encountered armed militia members conducting patrol operations near (b) (7)(E). The subjects were initially observed by an Arizona National Guard Nighthawk (AZNGN) unit (b) (7)(E). The subjects then loaded into the bed of a pickup truck, at which time agents performed a traffic stop and determined the subjects to be United States Citizens operating in a militia style capacity in the target area of Operation (b) (7)(E).

## NARRATIVE

On 04/28/2017, Yuma (b) (7)(E) agents were notified by an AZNGN unit (b) (7)(E) had spotted 2 subjects coming out of the hills near (b) (7)(E). The 2 subjects staged south of the highway and then loaded into the bed of a pickup truck and went westbound on (b) (7)(E). Yuma (b) (7)(E) agents conducted a vehicle stop near (b) (7)(E). The vehicle, a brown 2006 Ford F-250 pickup truck (AZ (b) (6);(b) (7)(C)) yielded without incident. Upon approaching the vehicle the (b) (7)(E) agents observed two occupants in the bed of the pickup truck wearing military style uniforms, large packs, and AR style rifles. The agents also observed 2 subjects in the front cab of the truck. The subjects in the bed of the truck stated that they were Marines who were off duty and conducting militia style patrol duties in the area with a group known as Arizona Border Recon. Arizona Border Recon is a militia style group which conducts patrol and observation functions with the intent of notifying law enforcement as to illegal and illicit activities observed by the group. The 2 subjects in the bed of the truck were identified as (b) (6);(b) (7)(C) DOB (b) (6);(b) (7)(C) and (b) (6);(b) (7)(C) (DOB (b) (6);(b) (7)(C)). The two subjects in the cab of the truck were identified as the driver (b) (6);(b) (7)(C) (DOB (b) (6);(b) (7)(C)) and the front seat passenger (b) (6);(b) (7)(C) (DOB (b) (6);(b) (7)(C)).

(b) (6);(b) (7)(C) were wearing military clothing and packs, with both carrying AR-15 rifles that they stated were their personally owned rifles. Both subjects were also using handheld radios to communicate with the other members of the militia. They stated that they had been dropped off by (b) (6);(b) (7)(C) earlier in the day. They stated they conducted foot patrols looking for food bundles that were dropped off on (b) (7)(E) and when they located one they would then (b) (7)(E) observe any illicit activity. They further stated that they would then contact law enforcement authorities if illicit activity was observed. They stated that at least one other (b) (7)(E) crew was out in the mountains (b) (7)(E) observing the area, but refused to identify the location. Furthermore, neither subjects was carrying any identification. They were also hesitant to provide information as they were concerned about their military chain of command being made aware of their off duty activities.

(b) (6);(b) (7)(C) stated that they were camping on the south side of (b) (7)(E) and were maintaining the base camp for the militia to operate from, as well as being responsible for dropping off and picking up the foot patrol crews. They also stated that their purpose was the same as (b) (6);(b) (7)(C).

The subjects stated that members of their group had been in the area for several days, and that they would be remaining in the area throughout the weekend. (b) (7)(E)

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# REPORTING NOTICE

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

*Border Patrol Agent* (b) (7)(E)  
*Yuma Sector* (b) (7)(E)  
*Special Operations Detachment*

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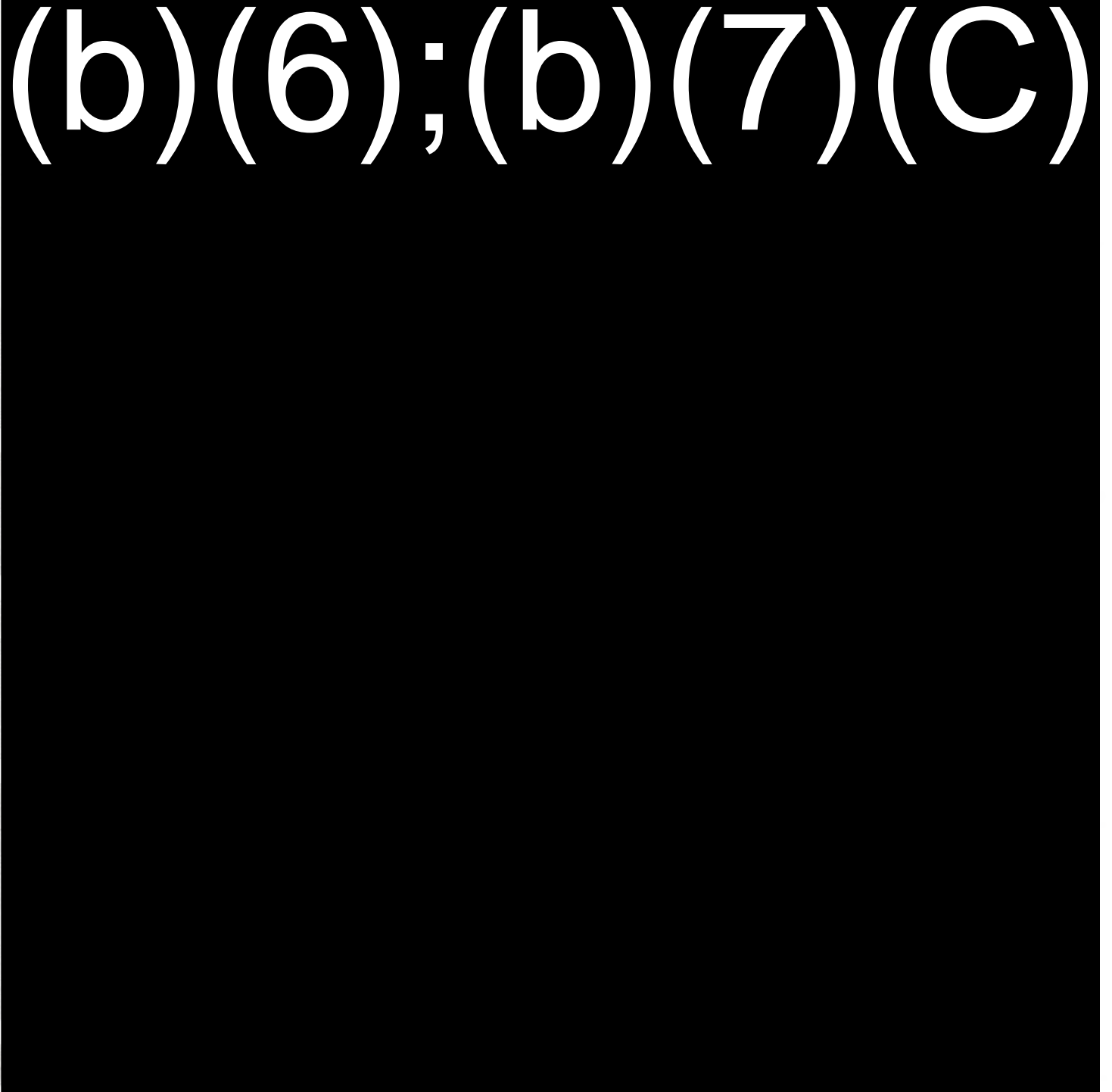
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## PERSONS (4)

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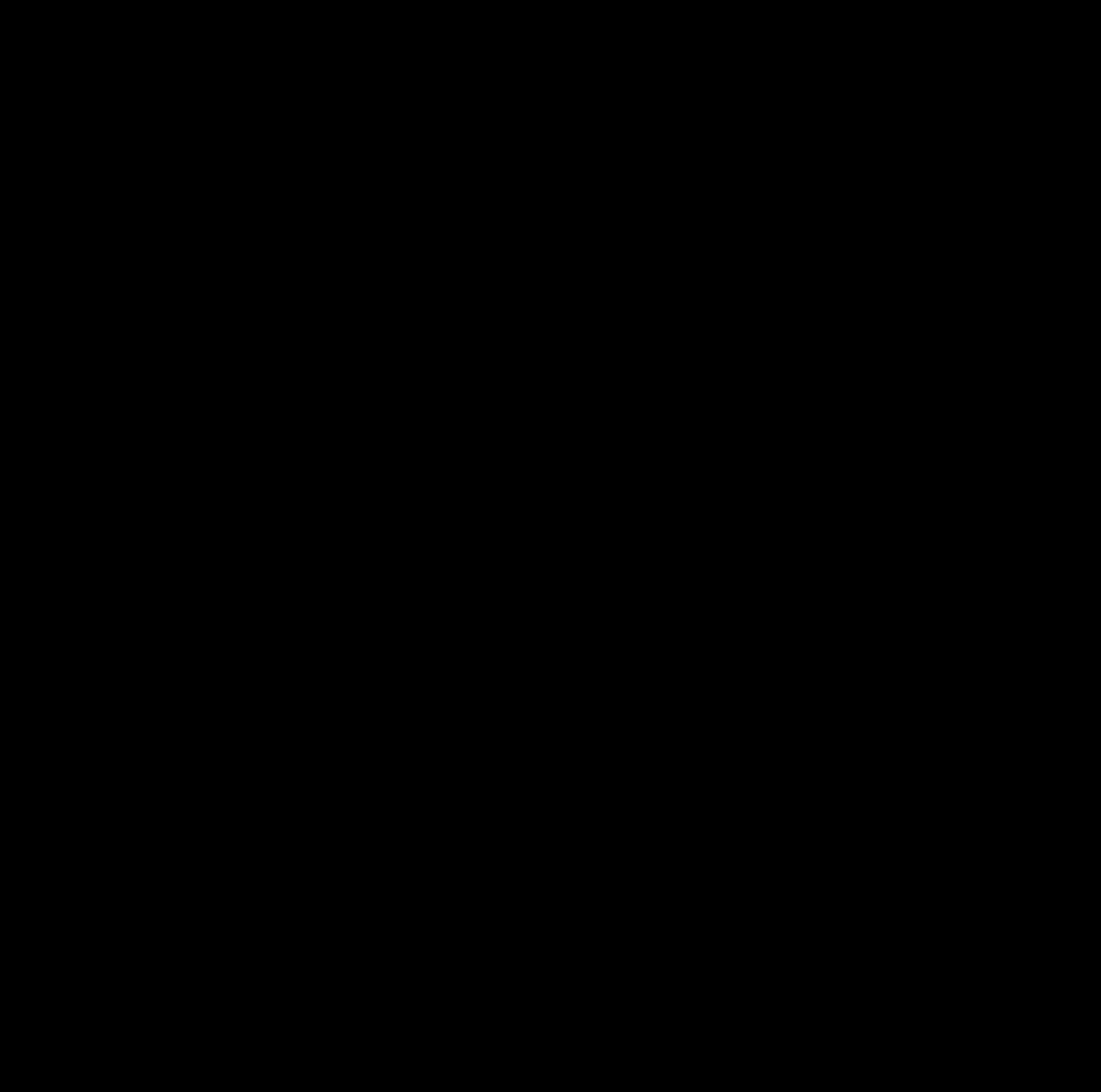
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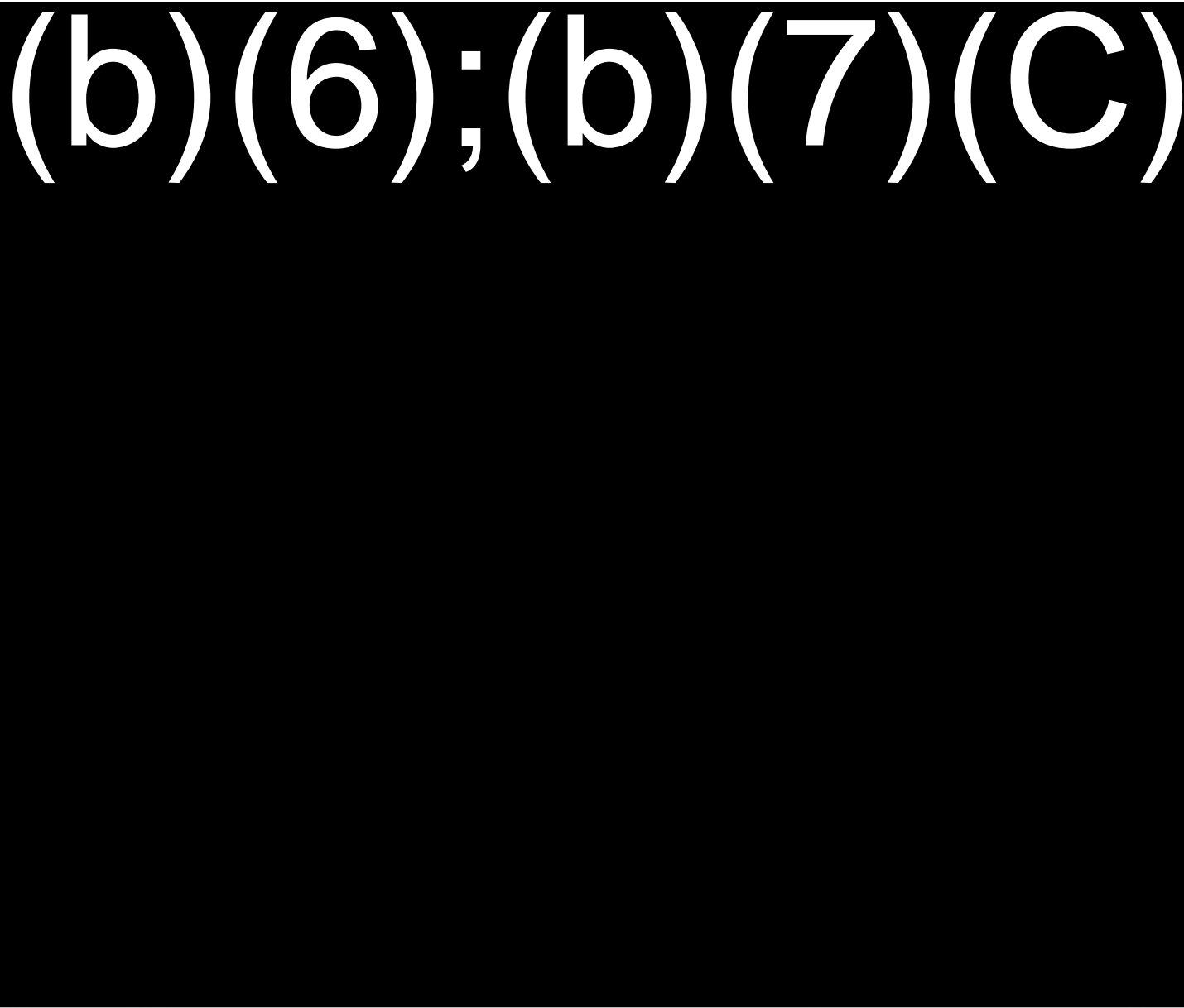
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**LOCATIONS (1)**

<b>Location 1</b>					
<b>Address:</b>	S OF (b) (7)(E)			<b>Unit:</b>	-
<b>City:</b>	(b) (7)(E)	<b>State/Province:</b>	ARIZONA	<b>Postal Code:</b>	-
<b>Country:</b>	USA		<b>Type:</b>	Other	
<b>Latitude:</b>	(b) (7)(E)		<b>Longitude:</b>	(b) (7)(E)	
<b>Description:</b>	Location where militia members staged for pick up on 04/28/2017.				

